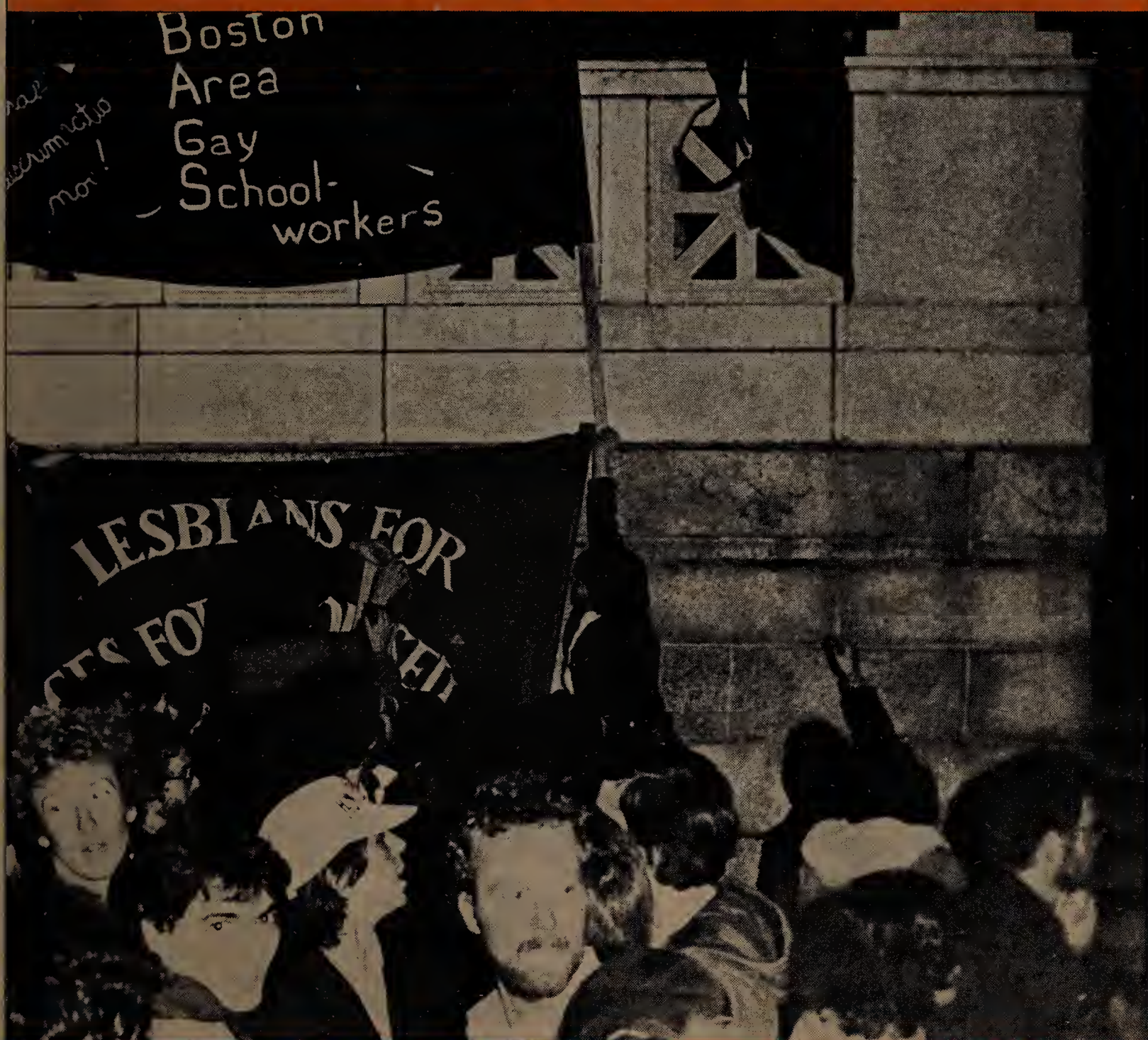


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Anti-Gay School Workers Prop. 6 Loses

Victory Celebrated in Briggs Initiative Vote

By Neil Miller

SAN FRANCISCO — The most threatening referendum on gay civil rights yet — the so-called Briggs Initiative — was overwhelmingly rejected by California voters in Tuesday's statewide election. According to unofficial figures, 58.5% of 3,780,924 voters cast their ballots against the Proposition 6, while 41.5% of the electorate or 2,679,629 voters favored its passage. Proposition 6 would have prohibited local school boards from hiring and would have required the firing of teachers and other personnel who "engaged in advocating, soliciting, imposing, encouraging or promoting private or public homosexual acts." The question was closely watched by gays throughout the nation, and many feared that passage of Proposition 6 would have triggered a wholesale "witchhunt" of gay teachers in California.

Margin of Victory

Proposition 6 was solidly defeated throughout the state with 75% of San Francisco voters, 59% of Los Angeles voters, and a majority of San Diego voters opposing it. Orange County —

hotbed of political conservatism and home county of State Sen. John Briggs who introduced the measure — voted "no" on Proposition 6 by a 53-47% margin. Briggs even lost his hometown of Fullerton.

Public opinion polls throughout the summer had shown easy passage for Proposition 6, but campaigning by gay

Joyous Celebration

California gays were joyous at the defeat of the Briggs Initiative. "We're the happiest people out," the switchboard operator at the "No on 6" headquarters told GCN. Added Andrea Jepson, state-wide "No on 6" worker, "It's wonderful and exciting. We never thought we would have done it a few

BOSTON — About 500 people gathered at City Hall Plaza here on Wednesday night, Nov. 8 to celebrate gay rights victories in California and Seattle. The lesbians and gay men and their supporters met at the Plaza and heard a number of speeches, and then marched around Boston Common to the front of the State House to hear more speeches and musical entertainment.

The march and rally was organized as a celebration by the Boston Lesbians and Gay Men Against the Right. Addressing the rally, Kate Gyllensvard said "We're celebrating our victory for all the gay people who are probably celebrating all over the country."

organizations, failure by Briggs to raise funds, and repudiation of the initiative by politicians from Ronald Reagan to Jerry Brown to Jimmy Carter sealed its fate. Although most observers believed that Briggs had simply gone "too far" in the provisions of Proposition 6, the senator enjoyed the fruits of one victory when his initiative expanding the applicability of the death penalty passed with over 71% of the vote.

months ago. Briggs was totally ludicrous by the end of this one."

Over 3,000 gays gathered in San Francisco to celebrate Prop. 6's rejection and especially its wide margin of defeat in the San Francisco Bay Area. "The reason we won so big in San Francisco," said activist Leonard Matlovich in the glow of victory, "is that we are out of the closet and people here have been able to experience that

to know a gay person is to love one." Several gay school-teachers, including Healdsburg elementary school teacher Larry Berner, spoke at the celebration.

San Francisco's pro-gay mayor George Moscone appeared at the rally and told the cheering crowd that the resounding defeat of Prop. 6 was "a victory of intelligence over ignorance . . . The largest state in the union has made a clear pronouncement that whatever the reason people hang you in effigy — be it the color of your skin, the way you adore your god or reject your god, the role in which you respect or don't respect your neighbor — it is your business." In clear reference to Sen. Briggs, who had hoped to use the gay issue to propel himself to the governor's chair, Moscone warned, "Anyone in the future who attempts to make political advance on the backs of those who it appears are at the bottom of the spectrum will be repudiated."

In Los Angeles the victory night scene was much the same, as Mayor Tom Bradley told the crowd, "Proposition 6 was an evil, pernicious, and dangerous measure. May this be a lesson to Briggs."

Initiative 13 Defeated by 2 to 1 Margin

Seattle Retains Rights in Major Election Win

By Denys Howard

SEATTLE — More than two thousand people chanted their way from the No on 13 Victory Party to the downtown Olympic Hotel, where candidates and the media were gathered for election night. The marchers, shouting "2-4-6-8, Seattle stopped this wave of hate," were celebrating a stunning victory. In a mirror image of the rights movement's worst defeats, Seattle voters turned back the anti-gay Initiative 13 by a 2 to 1 margin. Culminating a vigorous and broad-based campaign against anti-gay forces, the vote showed 65% in favor of retaining protections for lesbians and gay men, and only 35% in favor of the initiative.

SOME Against Rights

Seattle added "sexual orientation" to its civil rights ordinances five years ago, extending to gay people protection against discrimination in housing and employment. Early this year, two

city police officers formed Save Our Moral Ethics (SOME) in order to put the repeal initiative on the ballot. Many people had strong fears that the election in Seattle would fit the pattern set by voters in Dade County, St. Paul, Wichita, and Eugene. However, Seattle now joins the State of California in an apparent reversal of the anti-gay trend of those votes. [see other story]

The Victory in Seattle

Workers for both Women Against Thirteen (WAT) and Seattle Committee Against Thirteen (SCAT) suggested a few reasons for the outcome here. One problem in Eugene, the groups thought, may have been a too optimistic reliance on a liberal, but transient and nonvoting, college population. Seattle has a much larger and metropolitan electorate. Seattle also had more time to conduct its gay rights campaign than did the other cities.

People with pro-gay leaflets shadow-

ed the signature collectors for the Initiative for months before the official campaign began and were at least partly responsible for the difficulty which SOME experienced in gathering enough signatures to actually put the measure on the ballot.

People at the victory celebration also pointed to the very diverse and vigorous campaigns waged by WAT, SCAT and Citizens to Retain Fair Employment (SRFE). The strategy employed much media work with the slogan, "No on Bigotry," but did not rely entirely on it. A systematic and largely successful effort was made to win endorsements of the "No on 13" position from unions, and WAT and SCAT conducted frequent leafletting at work places. All three organizations registered voters and urged those who were registered to get out and vote. Besides working to defeat the anti-gay initiative, WAT and SCAT made it a part of

their goal to educate people on the connections between anti-gay struggles and other issues, such as anti-choice on abortions or anti-union efforts. The groups also made an effort to educate voters on what homophobia is and how it affects their lives.

Other Measures

Campaign literature from the groups emphasized the necessity to vote no on Initiative 15, an attempt to allow city police officers greater freedom to use firearms, and to vote no on Initiative 350 which would forbid busing of children to achieve school integration.

A possible measure of the failure of this total gay campaign to include those issues is that both Initiatives 15 and 350 passed while Initiative 13 was defeated.

Women Against Thirteen and Seattle Committee Against Thirteen brought to the campaign the view that the

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Attempt at Rights Legislation Loses Again in Florida's Dade County

By Jim Marko

MIAMI, FL — Voters in Dade County have once again rejected a proposed gay rights ordinance. By a vote of 189,033 to 135,705, the electorate rejected a "full-equality ordinance" which would have outlawed discrimination against gays. It would have provided "all persons full and equal receipt of health, mental health and social services, and equal opportunity for employment, public accommodations and housing without discrimination or segregation on grounds of race, color, religion, ancestry, national origin, age, sex, physical handicaps, place of birth, creed, affectional and sexual preferences, matriculation, political affiliation, native or familial language, source of income, past or

present state of pregnancy, past or present military service, or membership in trade unions, organizations or associations."

Despite the 58% to 42% defeat of the measure in Dade County, where a gay rights ordinance was overwhelmingly rejected in June 1977, activist Bob Kunst told GCN, "We actually won."

Kunst, along with Alan Rockway and Melody Moorehead, was the force behind the ballot question, and he was quite embittered toward what he called the "bullshit" of the gay community. Pointing out that the campaign for the ordinance was only able to collect \$3000, Kunst said the margin of defeat was considerably less than in the vote a year ago.

"We upped our percentage," Kunst said, "and if we had had more money

we could have pulled it off." Kunst charged that no gay businesses, except for Club Baths owner Jack Campbell, contributed money to his effort. He bitterly complained that other gay business people and activists held the effort back by "sitting on their rumps."

"We can win if the gay community will stop worrying about being oppressed and work with professionals who know what they are doing . . . If the country had put their money with us, we could have won."

"The gay community has no confidence that they can win anything. We are in competition with the Goodsteins [David Goodstein, publisher of the *Advocate*] and the NGTFs [the National Gay Task Force]," Kunst charged.

Kunst characterized the vote in Dade

County as a pro-gay decision. He said that the ordinance proposed received more votes than the defeated ordinance last June. He told GCN that he has begun an effort to have the ordinance placed on the ballot in the 1980 Florida presidential primary election.

An angry Kunst said, "I'm bitter at the gay community and I have no respect for the gay community. It should stop feeling sorry for itself and start playing smart politics. If we can do what we did, imagine what we can do if we all work. I'm bitter because I have to deal with the self-imposed restrictions of the gay community."

On election day, Kunst was arrested and charged with illegally handing out literature near a Miami Beach polling place. Kunst told GCN that the arrest and charges were a "set up."

NEWS NOTES

QUOTE OF THE WEEK

SACRAMENTO, CA — The following conversation between President Carter and Cal. Governor Jerry Brown was overheard by reporters as the two stood at a podium during an election rally. At the end of his remarks at the Democratic crowd, the President spoke to Brown about the anti-gay school workers Proposition 6:

Carter: "Oh, you think I ought to say something about Proposition 6?"

Brown: "Reagan and Ford have come out against it. You'll get your loudest applause if you do. It's going to be defeated, and Ford and Reagan have already come out against it, so I think it's perfectly safe." Carter (turning to the audience): "I also want to ask everybody to vote against Proposition 6."

WOMEN AND THE LAW

ACTON, MA — A "Women and the Law Conference" will be held Saturday, Nov. 18, at the Acton-Boxborough Regional High School beginning at 8:30 a.m. The conference, which is sponsored by the Acton Area National Organization for Women, "will provide you with information and answers . . . learn about the legal rights and obligations of Massachusetts women."

There are a number of workshops scheduled for the conference including "Sex Discrimination in Employment," "Sex Discrimination in Education," and "Rape, Battered Women, and Domestic Violence."

The registration fee is \$3 and checks should be made payable to Acton Area NOW, Box 642, Acton, MA 01720. Child care will be available at no charge, if reserved on or before November 12.

GAYS AND QUAKERS

PHILADELPHIA, PA — The American Friends Service Committee has announced appointment of Anthony Henry as staff for implementing its newly adopted Affirmative Action Plan, which goes into effect in November.

Henry, currently the AFSC's national director of programs seeking changes in the criminal justice system, will leave that position in order to oversee implementation of affirmative action for racial minorities, women and gay men and lesbians in the national and regional offices of the organization.

The plan covers affirmative action for hiring, program design, contractual relations and membership on committees. It sets goals for the appointment of staff and committee members proportionately throughout the structure of the AFSC. For gay people, the plan guarantees a non-discriminatory approach which includes an active recruitment feature. For women and racial minorities, the goals are 20% and 40%, respectively.

The American Friends Service Committee, founded by Quakers in 1917, attempts "to put Friends' principles into practice — it addresses itself to the problems of poverty, exclusion, injustice and the denial of equal rights in the United States and abroad."

BANNED BRYANT

MIAMI, FL — At least seven television stations in Florida banned commercials featuring Anita Bryant stating her opposition to a ballot question on a state Equal Rights Amendment. The stations banned the advertisements against Revision 2, according to the National Organization for Women, because they were misleading.

Bryant said Revision 2 would permit gay marriages. Officials at NOW said the change in the Florida laws would not do that. It said the advertisements contained "misleading and inaccurate information."

BELLAVANCE SEMINARS

BOSTON — The D. Bellovance Advertising Agency will be holding two seminars December 9 in the Boston area.

"Promotions for a Small Business" will be held from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. The topics to be covered include "What is your market?", "How to obtain free advertising" and "How to get the best for your dollar."

The seminar "Personal Selling" will be held from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m.

For further information contact D. Bellovance at 739-2200.

WEDDINGTON MEETS NGTF

WASHINGTON, DC — At a meeting at the White House on October 27, Presidential assistant Sarah Weddington pledged to continue the work on gay issues begun by Margaret (Midge) Costanza, former Assistant to the President for Public Liaison. The meeting was arranged by the National Gay Task Force and was attended by NGTF Co-executive Directors Jean O'Leary and Bruce Voeller, and Eleanor Smeol and Arlie Scott, president and vice president of the National Organization for Women.

Weddington said she would continue to arrange meetings between leaders in the gay community and executives of Federal agencies. She also said that she has no intention of "downgrading" the issue of discrimination against lesbians and gay men.

ORR JOINS MASS BAY

BOSTON — Mass Boy Counseling Associates will be expanding their services to the gay community through the addition of Susan Orr to their staff of mental health professionals. One of only three agencies in the Boston area specifically interested in the problems of the gay population, Mass Boy has been in operation for two years during which time their client population has quadrupled.

Bringing with her nine years of experience as a clinical psychologist, Orr came to Boston three years ago, after working in Texas, Kansas and Alaska, to join the Homophile Community Health Service. There she started the first alcohol and drug abuse treatment program in the country for lesbians.

Orr will provide crisis-intervention as well as long-term psychotherapy to Mass Bay clients. She will work with clients in the development of self-help and self-healing skills through bio-energetic exercises, body awareness and nutritional guidance. Asked about her approach to therapy, she replied, "The more we learn to build a caring relationship with ourselves, the better-prepared we are to give and receive in our relationships with others." For those clients who desire it, she will assist them in realizing their creative potential through some form of self-expression, and is prepared to use her training in astrology as a tool in therapy. "Her many skills will be a significant asset to her lesbian sisters and gay brothers," said Mass Bay's director, Rev. Donald McGow.

APUZZO SECOND IN ELECTION

NEW YORK CITY — Ginny Apuzzo lost her bid for election to New York's 57th State Assembly District. Apuzzo, who was running on the Liberal line placed second in the three person race which was won by incumbent Harvey L. Strelzin.

Apuzzo told GCN that she was pleased by her showing in the race. She explained that 60% of those people who voted for her had to cross over four columns in voting machines to do so. "That's very difficult for voters to do . . . I'm very pleased . . . it's terrific," she said.

Apuzzo said she was also encouraged by the source of her votes, many of which come from the large black and Hispanic communities in Williamsburg, which is in the 57th District.

"I have done a great deal to bring an image of gay people to communities which rarely see openly gay people," Apuzzo said.

AWARD FOR COSTANZA

LOS ANGELES, CA — Midge Costanza, the former assistant for public liaison for President Carter, has been named as the recipient of the first Humanitarian Award to be presented by the Gay Academic Union.

Costanza will appear at the GAU Awards Banquet on Saturday, Nov. 25, to accept the award. The banquet is part of a three-day conference of the national organization to be held on Thanksgiving weekend at the University of Southern California.

Keynote speakers at the conference will be author Kate Millet and psychologist Don Clark.

Registration fees are \$15 for GAU members and students, \$25 for non-members. Admission to the banquet, at the University Hilton from 7 to 11 p.m., will be an additional \$15. It is not necessary to register for the conference to attend the banquet. For further information call (213) 656-0258.

NYC BILL DEFEATED

NEW YORK CITY — After 12 hours of noisy and tumultuous testimony, a City Council committee here voted down the proposed gay rights measure for the city.

By a vote of 6 to 3, the General Welfare Committee decided not to send Intro 384 to the full City Council. The vote was denounced by the city's gay community which held a rally shortly after the decision.

The vote came just as GCN was going to press.

There will be a complete story on the defeat of Intro 384, the demonstrations in New York, and the next step in the battle for rights there in next week's issue.

GAY NEWSPAPER WORKERS

NEW YORK CITY — The Newspaper Guild, the union of reporters and editors, failed to win a non-discrimination clause protecting gay workers in mediation with the New York Times and the Daily News. The Guild was the only union involved with the papers which did not ratify agreements over the past weekend. The ratification by the Allied Printing Trade Council and the other unions ended the nearly three-month-old strike.

The Guild went back to work when it was apparent that other unions would not support a long Guild strike. The new contract with the Times and News runs for six years.

COALITION OF BLACK GAYS

NEW YORK CITY — A board member of the National Gay Task Force is attempting to organize a National Coalition of Black Gays. Billy Jones is hoping the group will serve the special needs of black lesbians and gay men.

A conference is being planned for September, 1979, in Washington, D.C. The conference will be hosted by the DC Coalition of Black Gay Women and Men.

Individuals and groups interested in the conference or plans for the new organization should write or call Billy Jones, P.O. Box 458, Columbia, MD 21043; (301) 997-3541.

VOTING ON ERA ISSUES

BOSTON — Despite the loss of women's rights referenda in Florida and Nevada, proponents of the national Equal Rights Amendment voiced optimism about the ERA after the recent national elections.

Thirty five of the 38 states required for ratification have approved the embattled ERA. The votes in Nevada and Florida were viewed as tests of ratification support, but pro-ERA forces in both states said the setbacks were minor.

MORE ELECTION NEWS

BOSTON — There were a number of upsets and interesting votes in elections across the country. In New Hampshire, incumbent conservative Governor Meldrim Thomson was narrowly defeated by Democrat Hugh Gallen. Gallen favors construction of the nuclear power plant at Seabrook and is against gun control.

The U.S. Senate will have a woman member in the coming term. Voters in Kansas elected Republican Nancy Kassebaum.

In Connecticut, Gov. Ella Grasso was re-elected to a second term. Grasso and Dixie Lee Ray of Washington state are the two women governors in the country.

In Oklahoma, David Boren, the Democrat, resoundingly defeated Republican Robert Kamm by 68% to 32% of the vote. During a primary campaign, Boren swore on a Bible: "I am not a homosexual," after an opponent said the candidate was gay.

Philadelphia Mayor Frank Rizzo conceded defeat late Tuesday night in his effort to change the city charter to allow him to seek a third term. A concentrated drive against the charter change effort was joined by a number of gay organizations in the city.

An Associated Press/NBC-TV poll showed that a plurality of voters favor a women's right to abortion. Pollsters questioned some 28,000 people around the country and found that 50% favored "abortion on demand," while 39% were opposed. Eleven percent of those queried were "unsure."

Massachusetts Election

King Elected Governor, Tsongas Defeats Brooke

By David Brill

BOSTON — Edward J. King, a hard-nosed, conservative Democrat, was elected governor of Massachusetts last week by a margin of about 4 per cent. The final unofficial tally showed King with 52 per cent of the vote, and his Republican opponent, State Rep. Frank Hatch, with 48 per cent.

Hatch was heavily supported in the gay community, having garnered endorsements from the Massachusetts Caucus for Gay Legislation, scores of prominent Democratic liberals, and the Massachusetts chapter of Americans for Democratic Action (ADA) as well as Citizens for Participation in Political Action (CPPAX). He had been a supporter of gay rights legislation for the past three years and promised support for gay rights if elected.

King stressed opposition to liberal social programs on every front, vowing to "reverse" the policies of the Dukakis and Sargent administrations. A board member of Morality in Media, King was elected with the strong support of police unions. He declined to answer GCN's candidate questionnaire in September.

Last-Minute Blast

The Hatch-King race was angry throughout, but it sunk to an unprecedented low on Nov. 2 when the Boston Police Patrolmen's Association news-

paper, *Pax Centurion*, issued a special, four-page pre-election issue in support of King. The newspaper had a box on the first page noting that Hatch was being supported by the gay community and Rep. Barney Frank.

Inside was a cartoon by Gary Flanagan showing King defending the State House from a parade led by Hatch and King. (See Page 5) A gay man holding a young boy by the hand was shown with a placard which said "Consenting Males OK."

King's press secretary, Martin Burke, disavowed any involvement with the police newspaper, saying he was "shocked and appalled" by it. However, a WBCN-radio reporter, posing as a would-be King backer, went into King headquarters on Nov. 3 and asked what he could do to help out in the campaign. He was directed to a pile of the newspapers and told to deliver them.

King had signed a statement — as did all statewide candidates — promising the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith not to campaign on any platform advocating discrimination on the basis of race, religion, or national origin. Rep. Doris Bunte (D-Roxbury) is reportedly considering official action against King for the cartoon, which depicted a black convict and a black "pimp."

King As Governor

The King election may signal the end of the appointment of pro-gay judges in Massachusetts. Because of his strong and early backing from police unions, King's indebtedness to them will probably mean a freer hand for the two police agencies with the most contact with the gay community — MDC and State Police. For example, it is highly unlikely that King would retain Joan Tuttle — a former Civil Liberties Union lobbyist — in her present position overseeing the MDC police. And the possibility for a state service program for gay adolescents involving the Office for Children and the Division of Youth Services — which was just in the planning stages — has been effectively squashed for at least four years.

Gay Role

But it was not because the gay community did not try. Hatch overwhelmingly carried Wards 4 and 5 (South End, Back Bay, and Beacon Hill) of Boston, and drew a strong majority in the City of Cambridge. At the Hatch headquarters on election night there were a number of familiar faces from the gay community — Joe Martin, ex-head of Gay Legislation; Ann Maguire, host of *Gay Way*; David Drolet, co-ordinator of M.C.G.L.; and Michael Campbell, a member of the Gay Business Association.

The one hope for the liberal community is that King may feel some debt of gratitude to the few putative liberals who supported him in the campaign — such as Rep. Elaine Noble, Congressman Michael Harrington, and State Secretary Paul Guzzi. It remains to be seen whether King — whose favorite poem is Winston Churchill's "Never Give In" — will feel obliged to return their support.

Senate Contest

In another nationally watched race, Republican U.S. Senator Edward W. Brooke was defeated for re-election to a third term by Congressman Paul Tsongas. While both Brooke and Tsongas had promised, if elected, to sponsor a federal gay rights bill in the Senate, many in the gay and feminist community backed Brooke, the nation's only black Senator and the Senate's champion of minority rights.

The Brooke-Tsongas race, however, was less ideological than it was personal. Differences on issues, in fact — where they existed — clearly placed Tsongas to Brooke's left. The incumbent stressed his leading role in women's rights and domestic affairs, while Tsongas emphasized energy, urban revitalization, and foreign policy. Brooke's personal financial prob-

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Demonstrations Held at New York's St. Patrick's Cathedral

By Harold Pickett

NEW YORK CITY — Some 100 members of the Religious Coalition for Gay Concerns conducted a street religious service, leafletting, and picketing at St. Patrick's Cathedral on Saturday, Nov. 4. The Religious Coalition, which included such member groups as Dignity, an organization for gay Catholics, the Church of the Beloved Disciple, and the Metropolitan Community Church, were protesting the involvement of the New York Archdiocese in lobbying efforts against Intro 384, the gay rights bill scheduled for a vote this week in the General Welfare committee of the City Council here.

A statement distributed by the group affirmed that "We Christian leaders of New York call upon the New York City Council to pass Intro 384 which would ban discrimination in housing, employment and public accommodations on the basis of 'sexual orientation'."

Specifically addressing religious op-

position to the gay bill, the group said, "Some leaders of Christian churches in New York have vehemently opposed the gay rights bill, claiming that openly gay teachers would corrupt the children in their classes. We hold that denying lesbians and gay males the right to be open deprive children of the right to know more than stereotypic images of lesbians and gay males in their lives and reinforces prejudice against gays as persons. We implore these Christian leaders to cease their campaign of distortion and fear around this issue."

"The central message of Jesus is one of love and acceptance. We embrace our lesbian sisters and gay brothers and stand with them in demanding their civil rights. We ask all New Yorkers, Christian and non-Christian alike, to stand with us."

An impressive list of 46 endorsers of the Christian statement included such notable figures as Rev. Daniel Berri-

gan, poet and peace activist, and Rev. John McNeill, author of *The Church And The Homosexual*.

During the activities, which lasted for about 2½ hours, police refused to permit the group to use its bullhorn. Andy Humm, Social Action Chairperson of Dignity, NY, characterized the police as "nervous" and reported that police first told the group it couldn't stay on the sidewalk, claiming they might block the entrance to the Cathedral. Later, police said that the "Church would prefer you get off the sidewalk, but they won't press the issue."

Humm said the Coalition's list of religious endorsers supporting the gay rights bill was "most important" and that copies would be sent to every City Council member, as well as to the Chancellery Office of the Archdiocese.

In a related incident, a small ad hoc group of gay activists assembled across the street from St. Patrick's Cathedral

on Wednesday, Nov. 1, on the occasion of the 100th anniversary dedication of the Cathedral. Terence Cardinal Cooke was present, as were several politicians, including Gov. Hugh Carey, and a heavy contingent of news reporters.

When speakers began the anniversary commemorations on the church steps, the demonstrators across the street began chants of "Gay Rights Now!" and "Separate Church and State." Because of the way sound is caught in the church's arches, the chants effectively drowned out the speakers and everyone turned around to look across the street.

The demonstrators reportedly received "hostile reactions, but some support as well" and succeeded in bringing attention to the Archdiocese's lobbying efforts against the gay rights bill.

Harvard Law School Gives Official Recognition to Gay Legal Group

By Cindy Stein

CAMBRIDGE, MA — An organization which will coordinate the efforts of law students working in areas of gay rights litigation has been formed at Harvard Law School. The group, called the Committee on Gay Legal Issues, consists at present of 26 gay and non-gay members (17 male and 9 female). Jose Gomez, a second year student who has been instrumental in the formation of the group, pushed for and received official recommendation from the law school administration. Gomez stated that since the gay rights movement is "in the forefront of civil rights today" the committee needed an identity separate from all other student groups, especially in light of the "concern for the growing national attack on the rights of gay people."

The function of the organization is primarily geared toward active student support of cases which involve gay rights. The committee will solicit proj-

ects from various legal defense groups around the country, such as Gay and Lesbian Advocates and Defenders in Boston and Gay Rights Advocates in San Francisco. Members will choose projects which are of interest to them. For the most part, the projects will consist of legal research and writing.

Members expressed interest in a variety of areas which affect the rights of lesbians and gay men, and particular interest was shown for First Amendment problems (namely, the rights of speech, assembly and association), problems involving employment and housing discrimination, and custody and visitation controversies.

Gomez was pleased with the cooperation of the Harvard Law School administration in approving his request for official recognition. He characterized the administrators as "open minded" on this issue and stated that recognition came "quite easily." The committee intends to seek funding and

office space. Money will be used primarily to offset administrative costs and for publicity.

One of the first efforts of the group was to denounce the appearance at the law school of the San Francisco law firm of Pillsbury, Madison and Sutro. This firm is representing anti-gay crusader Anita Bryant, named as a co-defendant in the trial of the murder of Robert Hillsborough, a San Francisco gay man who was slain shortly after the Dade County referendum in 1977. The firm came to Harvard to recruit and interview prospective attorneys, and the committee initiated an effort to dissuade students from interviewing with the firm, in order to register student disapproval with its policy "against social change." Although the committee learned of some instances where individuals scheduled to meet with the firm's representatives cancelled their interviews, it could not say whether its efforts made a significant impact.

In addition to its main function, the Committee on Gay Legal Issues seeks to encourage the formation of similar groups at other Boston area law schools so that a core of legal assistants can be developed and information can be shared. In addition, the committee will offer a gay-related topic as an alternative to first year Harvard Law students in their Moot Court competition, which casts them in the role of counsel who must write an appellate brief and give an oral argument before a panel of judges. Another major goal of the committee is to persuade the Placement Office at Harvard to broaden its anti-discrimination policy in hiring practices to include sexual preference. This act by placement officials would ban on-campus recruitment by organizations, such as the Army, which discriminate in hiring against gay men and lesbians. A similar policy decision was made by only one other law school, New York University.

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briggs and g.r.a.

Dear Friends:

Your Nov. 4 special issue on the Briggs Initiative was most informative and welcome. It is gratifying to know that the threat posed by these measures is recognized in the east as well as in California.

The constitutional arguments against the Initiative were cogently summarized by Cindy Stein. Your readers should be aware that these arguments were first developed in a suit filed in May by Gay Rights Advocates, seeking to remove the Initiative from the ballot. Although that suit was unsuccessful, it served to focus public attention on the patent unconstitutionality of the Initiative. Together with a previous, technical suit challenging the wording of the ballot summary, it served notice on the Briggs forces that their efforts were doomed to failure even if the Initiative were to pass.

Since filing the May suit, GRA has remained ready to file additional challenges to the Initiative and to defend teachers against dismissal charges should it pass. We have defended groups campaigning against the Initiative, and are involved in defending the rights of gay persons in a great variety of contexts. Fundraising in the straight community has been difficult, and we hope your readers will be able to lend their support to our efforts. To contribute, or to receive additional information about our work, please write Gay Rights Advocates (or GRA), 540 Castro St., San Francisco, Calif. 94114, or call 415-863-3624.

Sincerely,
Donald M. Solomon
Staff Counsel
Gay Rights Advocates
New York, NY

a risky business

A letter to GCN:

Once again we are confronted with the issue of physical violence against us. It's an old story, and we have got to learn to protect ourselves. Learning a martial art, or grabbing a stick and going after an attacker (as has happened in the Fenway), are possible responses.

Carrying chemical mace is another. Licensing varies in different states, and I can only speak for Massachusetts: Go to your local police headquarters (in Boston: 154 Berkeley St., Rm. 103) and apply for a Firearm I.D. card. Any resident who has not been convicted of a firearms offense or other felony in the last five years is eligible, and you have to sign a brief questionnaire. It costs \$10. Then take the FID to a police supply store. Westlon Uniform at 80 Boylston sells a small pocket dispenser for \$6, and it's more reliable and potent than the "paralyzer" device sold without permit in many stores.

Living in the city is risky business these days, and carrying mace is one non-lethal alternative to carrying a gun.

John Kyper
Roxbury, MA

salome

Dear GCN,

Gay theatre is rare in Boston. I agree with a recent review in GCN about that, but I don't agree that there should be a revival of the Star System Players production of Oscar Wilde's *Salome*. Is it gay "consciousness" to make the characters' tragedy a sort of side issue? To play Herod as a woman with lustful power and Salome as a male with seductive madness, in fact, as a Punk Rock star who doesn't relate to anyone onstage? A mod nuisance, not a contemporary illumination.

Sue Farley's Herod, though clouded by the rest of the production, managed to hold to the character's pain and move the issue of male power into the background, during her speeches. She concentrated past the obstacle of an over-produced projection screen moon (artsy picture postcard slides that deflated Wilde's fearsome poetry), and caught the meaning of the recurring moon image. This play has in it the misuse of male-based power. But the tragedy is that Herod looks at the moon and thinks of the cold, hovering quality of society's moral codes. His society puts everyone straight about those things one may not do, but ignores the fact that one's emotional life moves outside formulated laws. As King, confused as to what should be and what is, Herod can't act against Salome's depravity, and she mesmerizes him. Possibly, Oscar Wilde was fearing the uncontrollable quality of his emotions, lodged as they were, above a basically amoral societal code, and wrote of love being warped beyond help. This isn't one of his satires, and has some of the fear of *Dorian Gray*.

Melvin Frankel
Boston, MA

some windows

Dear Gay Community News:

The splendid critique on the *Bread and Puppet Theater* by Carl Wittman appearing in GCN (Oct. 7, 1978), written from the view-point of the "Gay Window" touched to life responses in us that have been burgeoning a long time. The Gay Media needs a column, and a columnist, *who is free to comment* on any aspect of political or cultural events — Gay or straight — from the particular "triangulation" view afforded by our "Gay window on the world." To be sure, GCN has provided just such commentaries from Gay Window experts such as Kyper, Mitzel, Bronski — but these pieces are occasional when not indeed rare. The exercising of our Gay Window, now that we are becoming useful and likely Scapegoats to the Nationally-emergent Right Wing Coalition, must quickly become a vigorous and daily responsibility.

So many things — big of import as well as minute — need to be said, need to be added as ingredients into the multi-dimensional perceptions which make up our Gay Consciousness. Among the minute — Allen Young needs to be chided for his recent blast at Angela Davis, accusing her of hypocrisy because she spoke out in defense of Gay Rights. Angela Davis, Black Leader and member of the Communist Party's National Committee though she may be, has been speaking out in defense of Gay Rights for the last six years at least — without apologies to anyone, and without censure from anyone. This is something to keep in mind . . . this is not a tin-can to take pot-shots at!

Among the larger things to be discussed, and experiences compared, should be a regional sharing of reactions garnered from straight acquaintances and friends during the several PBS-TV airings of "Word Is Out." Gay people in California made the most of the showings by encouraging straight neighbors to view the film in groups and then discuss the Briggs Initiative afterwards. My beloved companion and I were in Denver that week in contact with a number of very loving and sympathetic heteros. In Denver the Public Service Station showed it not only Tuesday night, Oct. 10, but also the following Sunday night. And one item loomed large as a significant difference between Hetero-male Consciousness and Gay Consciousness . . . no matter how sympathetic and "understanding" the heteros (women and men alike) may have felt they were, the heteros simply couldn't *stand* Roger, the actor . . . while all the real fairies (as in contrast to the merely homosexuals) LOVED HIM. This was truly eye-opening . . . everywhere we went there was exactly the same reaction. That, to paraphrase Emily Dickenson in BELLE OF AMHERST, may be something for us all to take our hats off to: not that we should "explain Roger to the Straights" — Roger, of "WORD IS OUT", is a lovely fairy and needs explaining to no one — but rather that we should take cognizance of the sad limitations of hetero consciousness and begin to help each other find ways to help them compensate for these lackings.

Carl Wittman, where are you? We need your keen eye, and your compassionate and vivid prose to begin to develop a real cultural appreciation of that lovely Gay Window we all have inherited but have seldom, up to now, ever used.

With gaybrotherlove,
Harry Hay
San Juan Pueblo, New Mexico

clearspace

Dear GCN:

I would like to correct some information that was carried on the Closetspace radio show last Sunday regarding ClearSpace, the community center for lesbian women and gay men in Boston.

ClearSpace has not yet found a space to rent, although we are currently engaged in a building search blitz for that purpose. When I called the people in charge of the program it turned out they had mistaken a mailing from the Human Achievement Foundation for one from ClearSpace. Although the Human Achievement Foundation was the instigating force in the original formation of ClearSpace, its only current connection is to provide a tax exempt status for ClearSpace. ClearSpace has voted to separate itself from the Human Achievement Foundation and to achieve its own status as a non-profit organization as soon as possible. And we hope to be able to announce that we have our own space in the very near future!

Sincerely,
Marty Stearns, Co-Chair
ClearSpace Steering Committee
Boston, MA

stay on guard

Dear GCN,

The article on Ann Arbor's anti-discrimination ordinance in the October 21 issue of GCN needs to be amended. Although the city attorney disagreed with the state attorney general's opinion regarding the unconstitutionality of municipal human rights ordinances, the fact that the ordinance is still in effect is less important than the point that it is in fact a watered-down ordinance.

Described as "comprehensive" in your article, the ordinance in fact was amended in March to exempt "government institutions" from its provisions regarding homosexual discrimination. Passage of this amendment meant that the University of Michigan, the largest employer in the city, was no longer subject to the ordinance, a victory for the University which had always claimed that as a state institution, it was *not* subject to local laws. Further, the exemption means that Ann Arbor schools are no longer covered by the provision against discrimination of gay people.

The serious implication from all this is that we may be putting too much energy into "symbolic" struggles — pieces of paper that protect no one. No one in Ann Arbor has won a case against discrimination because he or she is gay, under the ordinance.

Further, the issuance of the opinion against home rule by the state attorney general may be an indication of where the right is heading. Without engaging in costly referenda, our opponents may seek to declare the some 40 local ordinances unconstitutional because such legislation is preempted by state law, or that state law is silent on such discrimination. Ann Arbor's marijuana ordinance (\$5 fine for small amounts) is currently under attack, and more such attacks on home government can be expected. In Ann Arbor, a recent example of home rule was the attempt to amend the city charter to decriminalize (by a \$5 fine) soliciting and accosting. Organized by Alleycat, the local affiliate of COYOTE, the petition drive to place the issue on the ballot failed for lack of sufficient signatures, but the move, if successful and approved by the voters, would also have applied to soliciting for gay sex.

As long as we proceed on the assumption that "they" will grant us our rights if we act respectable, we are going to end up with reformist legislation that hurts more than protects. The first Ann Arbor ordinance was won by pickets and demonstrators back in 1972 — but when it was amended in March, no one raised a fuss. Watch out! If we don't maintain our vigilance, even those minimal, symbolic rights will disappear.

In struggle,
Daniel Tsang
Research Librarian
Temple University Library
Philadelphia, PA

nonsense

Dear GCN,

I was disappointed and angered to read the lead story in the GCN of Nov. 11. The author, Jim Marko, was so determined to push an editorial viewpoint that he practically neglected to give any factual information! Marko gave the impression that supporters of gay rights were misled to ignore California's Proposition 7. In fact, it is GCN which did the misleading; the so-called "Death Penalty Initiative" was not by any means a gay rights issue worthy of the emphasis GCN gave it.

The initiative, which passed in the election, extended the list of crimes for which the death penalty can be imposed in California. Notwithstanding GCN's headline that "Prop. 7 Will Bring Back Death Penalty," California has had a death penalty law (passed over Governor Brown's veto) since the last legislative session. And despite Marko's description of Proposition 7 as spelling out "acts commonly performed by gay people — acts which could lead to execution under certain specific activities," the only "activities" for which gay people would be especially vulnerable are sex acts in which the sex partner is killed. Since this almost never happens, the whole "lynching" scare reduces to a red herring.

The actual effect of Proposition 7 is to provide the possibility of a death sentence for crimes which are not particularly limited to being committed by gay people. Of course, there are still valid arguments against the death penalty. For example, Marko hints at the argument that the death penalty is used almost exclusively against Third World people. But for GCN, not to make those arguments and not to give us the facts, but to give us instead a half-baked gay rights argument on this important issue, is to ignore its journalistic responsibility to the community. To publish that kind of alarmist nonsense is to damage the legitimacy of real civil rights issues.

Yours,
Lew Lasher
Cambridge, MA

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SPEAKING OUT

Never Rely On Politicians

by Nancy Wechsler

(The following is the text of a speech written for the November 8 Anti-Briggs Rally in Boston.)

I am speaking as a member of the Boston chapter of NAM (New American Movement) — a national Socialist-Feminist organization. I have also been a staff member of GCN for the 4½ years I have lived in Boston.

I was asked to speak about the local elections — and I want to focus primarily on the governor's race, but would like to say a few words first about the anti-busing propositions.

Anti-busing Proposition: Perhaps the saddest thing in this election was the overwhelming passage of the anti-busing proposition. Between the incredible racism in this city, the actual wording of the amendment, and our lack of organizing around it in this election, it is not surprising that it passed. Not surprising, but nonetheless depressing. We have a lot of work ahead of us. Organizations must take up anti-racist work, strong third-world organizations must continue to be built. Each of us as individuals must continue to combat the racism we see/hear/feel around us.

I am not going to focus on the TREND of this election — whether it proves a rightward drift or not — because what does it mean in an election where in the governor's race the candidates tried to outdo each other on cutting the budget, fiscal conservatism, and Proposition 13; and the Senate candidates both tried to prove their liberal credentials and concern for the poor?

No matter who had won the governor's race in this state we would have nothing to celebrate today. Both candidates made it clear throughout their campaign that they stood with business and capitalist interests in this country — as both their parties — Democratic and Republican alike do. We should not be depressed that one candidate lost and another won — but be angry by an election of NO CHOICE — be angry that we live at a time when there is no third left-wing party controlled by, responsible to and fighting for us — for what we need. A party that represents the interests and is composed of third world peoples, women, gays, and all of us as working people. We must take our anger and build our own powerful organizations.

Some people during this election desperately wanted to believe that Frank Hatch was a liberal, or more liberal, or not as bad as King . . . and these people see the results of this election as a victory for the New Right.

But let's take a closer look and see if Hatch's record was that much better than King's right-wing rhetoric — or that King in office will be that much worse than Hatch would have been.

HATCH's Record:

On Rent Control — Consistently voted against it.

On Welfare — Voted for work-fare-type bills and supported Dukakis's welfare and social service budget cuts and voted against restoration of some of those cuts. In 1972 Hatch sponsored a \$40 million cut in state spending under Sargent's administration.

On Labor — Against unemployment compensation for victims of a lockout. (This would have prevented strikers such as the Pre-Term workers from receiving unemployment compensation.)

—Against collective bargaining for public employees and the MBTA

—Against arbitrating disputes of public employees

—Co-sponsored a bill to repeal binding arbitration for MBTA employees.

The bill would also have reduced the number of all permanent state employees by 10% — leaving many departments understaffed.

—Voted against employees in hospitals and colleges having access to the state labor board, wanting to leave them tied up for long periods of time with the federal labor board.

KING's Record:

Everyone here is probably more familiar with King's record at Massport and

The following cartoon appeared in the special election issue of Pax Centurion, the official publication of the Boston Police Patrolmen's Assn., in reference to their endorsement of Ed King for governor of Massachusetts. For details of Pax Centurion's comments re GCN, see story on page 3.

his right-wing anti-abortion, pro-death penalty, pro-nuclear power campaign rhetoric. I don't want to dwell on his record too much as try to put it in a different perspective.

His rhetoric is bad — no question about it. And it makes you angry. But on some questions his rhetoric is almost a moot point . . . or not that far from Hatch's own positions.

On Abortion — While we can all shiver at King's anti-abortion stand, it seems that the reality is that the question of Medicaid money for abortion, and access to abortion in general, will be decided in the courts, the legislature, and by our support and participation in groups like the Abortion Action Coalition. The legislature has already proven its ability to override a governor's veto, so that veto becomes less important.

Welfare cuts/Budget cuts — Both candidates have talked throughout the campaign about budget cuts. Hatch has tried to maintain that he will not cut welfare and essential services, while King claims he will look to the welfare budget as well as other areas to cut extra monies. But even The Beacon Hill Update — a publication put out by a liberal group to monitor state activities effecting low-income people — feels that there is no guarantee from Hatch that he wouldn't do what Dukakis did and King says he will do — cut the people who can most easily be cut and are least able to defend themselves — that is, welfare recipients.

Gay Rights — It is likely that without considerable pressure from us, and from the Democratic Party leadership, King on his own might veto a gay rights bill if it happened to land on his desk. And Hatch, like Dukakis, would probably have signed it. There is no indication from either Hatch or King that they would actively work for or against such legislation. Unfortunately there is also no indication that a gay rights bill will pass the legislature — and land on the governor's desk. We can never look to the governor for our own liberation as gay people.

Capital Punishment — King's pro-capital punishment talk is scary. But for now the issue has been settled by the Massachusetts Supreme Judicial Court, which ruled capital punishment in this state unconstitutional. The U.S. Supreme Court has also ruled certain laws on capital punishment unconstitutional. King could try to push through a constitutional amendment — and we must be prepared for this — but it is a long and difficult process. To have the death penalty in Massachusetts a constitutional amendment would have to pass two successive legislatures — the one just elected and the one that will be elected in two years. Then it would be put on the ballot — the earliest 1982 — and would have to pass by a majority vote of those going to the polls. It is hard to judge at this point how likely it is for all these steps to happen.

We really don't know what Ed King will be like in office. Whether or not it was his rhetoric, or his party affiliation and those higher up in the Democratic Party who campaigned for him that won him the election, we can't be sure. Perhaps Frank Hatch's blandness and anti-labor record simply lost Hatch the election. King hoped his right-wing rhetoric would elect him — but whether or not he will stay true to that constituency once in office is another matter. In the last week of his campaign he already began hedging on whether or not he could guarantee the extent of those cuts. In his acceptance speech last night his right-wing rhetoric was gone — replaced by a more conciliatory tone towards the rest of his party and his opponent's party as well.

The limits of the power of the governor, the forces on you as an elected official — from the public as well as the political party you are from — are great. And if King ever wants to run again as a Democrat, receive any Democratic Party campaign funds — he will find, as did Elaine Noble, that you have to tow the line.

We must never rely on politicians — no matter what their campaign rhetoric. We must continue to build our own organizations — lesbian, gay, women's, third world, socialist-feminist, rank and file union. We must rely on ourselves, each other, the organizations we can build — the strength we can have when we are united. When we are strong enough and united enough and broad-based enough we will not have to worry about who wins the next election.

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CONTACT

By Nick Olcott

NEW HAVEN, CT — With the ostensible purpose of gathering information about a woman accused of a 1970 bank robbery, FBI agents have recently questioned several women in the New Haven area. Many of those questioned, all active in the feminist and gay movements, see the recent FBI activity as part of government attempts to harass and intimidate people involved in those movements.

The FBI's activities this fall in New Haven are the second round of alleged harassment of the women's community in the city. In 1975, grand juries were held in New Haven and in Lexington, Ky., purportedly to investigate the 1970 bank robbery allegedly committed by lesbian-feminists Katherine Power and Susan Saxe. Numerous

women in Hartford, New Haven and Lexington were questioned at that time, and several were jailed for refusing to testify before the grand jury.

This August, FBI agents again visited the homes of some of the women questioned in 1975, this time attempting to "find out" where Katherine Power is. In September, women in Boston, Ohio, Lexington, and Philadelphia received visits from the FBI, and several women were notified that their phone bills, listing long-distance calls, had been subpoenaed. In New York City, a 50-year-old woman was reportedly physically harassed by men claiming to be police officers who said they suspected her of being Katherine Power. (The real Katherine Power is in her late twenties.) In Baltimore, a

woman was questioned by FBI agents and her lesbianism was made public against her wishes.

After the first questionings in New Haven this fall, the New Haven Women's Center sent out a mailing to its members, informing them of their rights if questioned by the FBI. The next day, agents arrived at the Center and demanded copies of the mailing.

Activists from the feminist and gay community in New Haven have met to

discuss the dangers of FBI harassment for the entire community. As an initial project, the group has decided to circulate a letter, drafted by the Grand Jury Project in New York. Other feminist and gay groups are asked to show their support by endorsing this letter. Endorsements can be sent to the New Haven Law Collective, 938 Chapel St., New Haven, Conn. 06510. [For a copy of the letter see "Speaking Out," GCN Vol. 6, No. 14.]

Massachusetts Election

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lems went unmentioned by both candidates, though their impact was undeniably substantial.

Barney Frank Re-Elected

Hatch was not the only candidate to become the object of a last minute smear. Rep. Barney Frank's conservative Republican opponent, Walter O'Connor, had flyers distributed throughout the Beacon Hill and Back Bay sections of Boston which distorted

and misrepresented Frank's positions on a number of economic issues. Frank was angered by the O'Connor flyer, and immediately wrote a one-page rebuttal which was hand-delivered throughout the district.

Frank's diligence in his campaign against conservative O'Connor may have been a case of overkill. Frank carried the district by a margin of more than 4 to 1.

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NEW YORK, NEW YORK

By Harold Pickett

NEW YORK CITY — U.S. Rep. Fred Richmond has promised a group of Orthodox rabbis that he will "lead the opposition against a gay rights bill" if such a bill comes up in the House of Representatives.

Richmond won the Sept. 12 primary nomination seeking re-election in Brooklyn's 14th Congressional District after an anti-gay campaign which centered on Richmond's arrest in Washington last May for soliciting sex from two men. As a first offender, who also promised to undergo psychiatric counseling, Richmond was not prosecuted. He blamed the cause of the incident on his "nerves" and asked for compassion from his constituents.

Richmond's promise to the rabbis was first revealed to David Thorstad, a spokesperson for the Coalition for Lesbian and Gay Rights, in an anonymous phone call received a couple of weeks ago. After some investigation, Thorstad found that Betty Wein, political columnist for Manhattan's *Our Town*, had also received the information.

Wein confirmed the truth of the report after speaking with a rabbi who was present at the meeting.

Thorstad, who was annoyed that Richmond received election endorsements from some gay groups, called Richmond's promise to the rabbis "immoral."

I Need A (Real) Man: Grace Jones, whose "sexist" costume and singing of the disco song "I Need A Man" offended many lesbians at the June 25 Gay Pride Day Rally, is attempting to insult the gay male community as well. Her attempts are successful.

Jones seems to have forgotten that her first performance was on Fire Island, followed by a "successful night of decadence" at the gay club Les Mouches. For some reason, she used to be popular along the gay circuit. Some of her latest quotes should dampen, if not drown, that popularity.

The following is from an interview with Michael Musto which appeared in the Sept. 28 issue of New York's *Soho News*:

A lot of Grace's fans and friends happen to be gay, but she rejects the label "fag hag" with glaring eyes and a look of semi-mortification. "My idea of a fag hag," she said, struggling to remain gracious, and succeeding, "is a woman who is afraid of a real man — and when I say a real man, I mean a heterosexual man. It's a woman who finds that she fits in better with the sensibility of the gay people, and she will devote her whole life liv-

ing with them and making love with them. I've never made love with a gay guy you know what I mean?"

Most of Jones' audience should know *exactly* what she means. What I don't know is why so many gay men are lap dogs to "stars" who do nothing but exploit gays and, after achieving a measure of success, feel free to show their contempt.

Boycott: In an open letter dated Oct. 25 addressed to the Gay Community, the Gay Community Center (GCC) at Hunter College, an umbrella group for Lesbians Rising and the Gay Men's Alliance, has urged a boycott of *Gaysweek*, a weekly gay newspaper published here.

GCC says that *Gaysweek*, "as a newspaper of the 'Gay Community', fails to give news coverage to important segments of that community." It alleges that lesbians, gay youth, and gay college students are among segments receiving poor coverage.

The boycott further protests "the persistent use of 'red-baiting' tactics by *Gaysweek* columnists, and *Gaysweek's* failure, and in some cases refusal, to offer equal time to those attacked in such fashion." GCC states that "To characterize the movement as being of one political ideology is derisive, destructive, and works against our efforts to build a solid lesbian and gay community."

The group said "Through political actions and coffeehouses, we have provided an atmosphere that is conducive to 'coming out' and raising one's consciousness. Our efforts (sending and hand delivering press releases) to publicize these events have consistently met with failure in the pages of *Gaysweek*. We believe that because our coffeehouses represent an alternative to popular 'gay culture' (discos, bars, etc.), and because we are members of the Coalition for Lesbian and Gay Rights, we are being blacklisted. All efforts to correct these oversights have been met with evasion, condescending attitudes about our level of commitment to the movement, and the excuse that *Gaysweek* operates on volunteer labor, as if we didn't know that the whole movement is a labor of love.

We ask that all lesbians and gay men support this boycott for *change* at *Gaysweek*, not destruction of *Gaysweek*. Let's not see *Gaysweek* die because we were not able to speak out for change at this publication, or what is worse, to have *Gaysweek* turn into another 'beefcake' publication."

Seattle Retains Rights

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interest of most lesbians and gay men are aligned with the interests of women, blacks, Chicanos, and Native Americans, and all workers. The determination of the groups to put this view forward in their campaign literature and canvassing was bolstered by educational sessions within the organizations.

SOME's Problems

The victory in Seattle was helped along by what is perceived by political observers as a general incompetence of Save Our Moral Ethics workers, as well as a plague of ill luck for that group.

One of the police officers who founded SOME, David Falk, shot and killed an unarmed black man in August [see GCN Vol. 4, No. 10]. An in-house inquiry by police decided that the killing was justified, but it severely damaged the public reputation of SOME. Falk was removed as a leader of SOME.

The replacement spokesperson was a black man who argued that the intention of the campaign was not to

remove the civil rights protection of gays, but to protect the privacy of all citizens to keep the "government out of the bedroom." He resigned within a few weeks under pressure from an outraged black community.

During the last week of the campaign, SOME suffered another political setback when another spokesperson was quoted as saying that the vote on Initiative 13 was a vital battle to save "Aryan culture." Although the group vehemently denied the accuracy of the quote, it seemed by observers to fit the tone of the anti-gay campaign.

The Victory March

As the victory march of more than 2,000 persons made its way back to the Pike Place Market in downtown Seattle, the final chant of the celebrants was "Gay, Straight, Black, White — Still a Struggle, Still a Fight." It seemed a fitting epigram to an election night which brought both defeat in the form of the losses of two initiative questions, and an incredible victory for gay rights.

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Civil Rights in Canada: John Damien Fights a Long Battle

Information for this article was assembled for GCN by someone close to the John Damien case, who (in view of the constant threat of libel or contempt charges from the Ontario government) asks to remain anonymous until the case is over.

Ask even a politically keen gay American what the main individual gay rights case in North America today is, and she or he is apt to scratch an ear and reply: there aren't any. Boston/Bolse, the newest New York Intro, the Seattle battle, Briggs — haven't we moved past fighting individual cases? The Matlovich case is over; the Gaylord case is over; Larry Berner's case is only a part of the Briggs fight. Except for child custody cases, the current issues aren't being focussed through individuals any more.

But in Canada, there's one: old as Matlovich, older than Gaylord, one that will be around for several years yet, one that all gay Americans ought to know about. It began in Toronto on Feb. 7, 1975, with what can only be called a small significant act of gay heroism.

On that day, a man with no previous connections with the gay liberation movement was fired. In itself, this is hardly an unusual circumstance. What was unusual was that he was told he was being "asked to resign" because he was gay. No coverup here. And, what was even more unusual, he took his personal life and his career in his hands, thought twice, and said "No." Persuasion and threats. "No." An offer of what could only be called hush money, \$1200 worth: "No." \$1700? "No."

At the time this incident did not appear to be important to more than this one individual. The scene occurred not in the private sector, but in a government office, near the center of power in Ontario, Canada's New York. The ruling party, as it seems to have been since time began, was Tory. The Tories run a machine equal to that of former Mayor Daley, only with an even greater capacity for hypocrisy. In the election, they would bill themselves as the party of human rights. The office was that of the provincial Ministry of Consumer and Commercial Relations, one of the more important (read: powerful) portfolios in the Ontario cabinet. The man was a steward, a top judge in the Racing Commission. He was responsible for licensing of tracks, trainers, owners, jockeys — you name it, the stewards are ultimately answerable for it. A former jockey himself, his name was widely known within racing, although not beyond it. However, it would soon become so broadly known that he would come to half-lament his loss of it to the public realm. It was John Damien.



Demian as Horse Trainer

there, too. You ought to know more about it.

The Valentine's Day press conference announced a double course of action — which must be understood if the case so far is to make sense. A complaint would be lodged with the Ontario Human Rights Commission to seek restitution under human rights laws. But also, simultaneously, John Damien decided to proceed with a civil suit against those he said dismissed him. His claim was issued against the Ontario Racing Commission, as a body, and four individuals who, Damien charged were parties to his dismissal. One of the four remains today in the position he held then, and that is Charles S. MacNaughton, then and now the Chairman of the Commission. Then and now, a big cheese in the Tory hierarchy. The suit was for reinstatement and for damages. The damages in the range of a cool million dollars. Its bases were various, but centered around the principle of "wrongful dismissal," which is not known to have been used in a gay-relevant case before now.

Unlike the United States, where human rights laws tend to appear as municipal ordinances (count the rash of them that were revoked during the last year), Canadian human rights laws have emerged under provincial jurisdictions and are not subject to plebiscite. A province establishes its own Human Rights Commission — usually with the appearance, and not much more than that, of being independent of the ruling party — to administer its own Human Rights Code, mainly by force of persuasion and negotiation rather than by fines or other hardcore punishments. At its best, human rights law is an odd kind of law, hardly law at all, but the Codes do give official voice to certain principles. And in the absence of a constitutionally forceful Bill of Rights, in the absence indeed of a Constitution, Canadian activists badly need such bits of highflown rhetoric to which they can appeal.

Back in 1975, as now, Ontario's Human Rights Code had nothing to say about protections for gays. Gays had been agitating for such protections during the previous two years, and the Human Rights Commission had been assuring us that: 1. There weren't any clear cases of anti-gay discrimination, so the protections weren't really needed; 2. If any did come up, they would rule on individual cases, even in the absence of a legislative mandate. So Damien went to the Commission with perhaps the best-documented case in Canadian history. He got the sweet runaround, then the sour runaround, then the turn-down. The Commission claimed to have no mandate to help him. "Sex," a protected category of non-discrimination (one added fairly recently, thanks to the women's movement), did not, most surely did *not*, mean "sexual orientation."

The Commission, of course, operates under the Ministry of Labour, whose head (then a rather anti-feminist woman, Dr. Bette Stephenson) was in the same Cabinet as the minister ultimately in charge of the Racing Commission — the object of Damien's complaint. Dr. Stephenson intervened — that's the polite word for interfered — in the due process of the Commission, apparently as an act of kindness to her fellow minister. Gay protests at this point failed to change a thing, and the case was thrown out for good.

Damien tried one last resort with the human rights route. He took the Commission to court with the argument that "sex" did indeed imply "sexual orientation." But the Racing Commission, as a defendant in the civil suit, managed to become involved in this one, and, for reasons too lawyerly to pursue right here, Damien dropped this course of action. The human rights route had dead-ended; all that remained was the civil suit: Damien v. the ORC et alia.

There were a number of risks in fighting the case as a civil suit. It could too easily appear to be a personal case: Damien against his former employers. It might end up having little bearing on broad legislative issues. It would go on for a long time, creeping through the Bleak House of the clogged courts. (In the Human Rights Commission, cases are routinely resolved within several months.) It would cost gobs. It would



Damien as a Jockey, Cleveland, 1958

become highly legalistic, involved in the small details that typify arguments in lawsuits, and thus lose the high-contrast confrontation drama of the initial firing. It would be emotionally exhausting. But this was the only option available, and John Damien wasn't a rider to drop out of any race like this, even if the finish line kept moving farther and farther ahead.

The case has required those involved in assisting John to become familiar with the procedures of the courts and to try to familiarize the many non-lawyers who support John with them. The main lesson has involved the "examinations for discovery," a means of collecting evidence for cases that will go before the Ontario Supreme Court. The examinations occur not before a judge but before a lesser official, the Master. The plaintiff, Damien, gets to cross-examine each of the defendants, and each of them gets to do the same to him. Evidence collected in these examinations is presented to the judge and jury when the trial finally comes around.

Delays and more delays have plagued this procedure, which some court observers recognize as standard procedure in the lawyers' battles of annoyance. One defendant failed to appear on three different occasions, entailing a delay of many months. An-

other refused to answer over two hundred questions when Damien examined him, and it has now been two years since Damien asked the Master to rule on whether he had to answer: no ruling yet from Master Garfield. Damien himself has spent several full days on the cross-examination stand, and answered exhaustive questions about his entire career in racing, his private life and his sexuality.

The delays, of course, drain Damien, not the defendants: he is an unemployed individual with no income, while their legal bills appear to be taken care of by the Ontario taxpayer. Over the years, they've changed legal firms twice, going to a more prestigious and expensive one each time. This is testimony to their gradual recognition of Damien's (and his supporters') seriousness about that "no." Like a Bobby Fischer, they seem determined to make this a psychological as well as a financial battle of attrition. If they figure that Damien has the most to lose this way, they are right. They have not spared the counter-attack.

No better illustration of this appears than in the case of a *Weekend Magazine* article. *Weekend* is one of those mostly substanceless Sunday supplements. It is carried in over twenty newspapers from Vancouver to the Maritime provinces. On the first anniversary of John's "no," the magazine

carried a story called "Damien's Exile" which brought the case, and John as a personality, to a national audience for the first time. It relied on the original story about the dismissal in the *Globe and Mail* — the one where MacNaughton said that the reason for the dismissal was Damien's homosexuality. The article reached a sympathetic audience, and contributions poured in. MacNaughton and the other individual defendants must have noticed it: they subsequently initiated a libel suit against Damien, *Weekend*, the author of the article, and every single newspaper that carried it. It was the government v. the press, pure and simple.

The government won.

Press coverage of Damien's case, which had been extensive in the first year, dried up like a wet cornflake. No editor in the country — except for the gay media — wanted to risk a libel suit from government officials. Note that there is not, contrary to a widespread belief, even among Canadians inundated by American television, any such thing as a First Amendment here. From Trudeau's cabinet on down, the government is often successful in intimidating the Canadian press.

Just last month, the action for libel was dropped, after two years. Damien had asked the court to dismiss the action for want of prosecution — and was likely to win it. MacNaughton had never even filed a statement of claim detailing his charge. He got the press blackout without it! Damien's lawyers and their counterparts agreed to the dismissal out of court. But the future of press coverage remains unclear. One reporter at a major Canadian wire-service recently remarked that they were running scared because of the possibility of further libel charges if they more than lightly touched on the case.

Despite the fact that it is in a provincial court, Damien's case has rapidly become a national gay cause, as important here as Matlovich's was down south. GATE's early support was followed by strong affirmations from the provincial coalition of gay rights groups, which established the Committee to Defend John Damien, and, in the second year of the case, the National Gay Rights Coalition undertook a bold fundraising operation with astounding success. In 1977, the "Damien Days of Protest" brought out gays in major cities across Canada to demonstrate on John's behalf, and Damien made a cross-country speaking tour, winning many audiences with his determination and vulnerability. Non-gay support was also forthcoming, notably through celebrity endorsements for an ad that appeared in college newspapers throughout Canada.

Even the Ontario Human Rights Commission, a year ago, recommended the inclusion of "sexual orientation" in its Code, citing the Damien case as an example of the need for protections for gays. The governing party has not endorsed this, and rather heavilyhandedly replaced the Commission chairperson with a government

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lackey after this recommendation.

The "Committee to Defend John Damien" went through a period of change last year, and what emerged was a double structure that now appears to be working well: the Committee operates politically and raises money for the Defense Fund, which is administered by a new nonprofit charitable foundation, "The John Damien Foundation." After Damien wins, the Foundation will continue on in service to the gay community.

Because of the hours preparing for undertaking, and then assessing, the examinations for discovery, legal costs run high, at nearly \$1,000 per month. Transcripts of the examinations themselves cost more than one would pay for a new encyclopedia set. The Committee continues to solicit contributions and pledges, and to encourage fundraising efforts of all sorts.

But the equal challenge involves publicity. As a civil case, Damien's will not automatically get the publicity it might under human rights law. And though it may set a kind of precedent in case law, it won't have the broad impact that, say, a U.S. Supreme Court ruling on a legislative act would have. Its impact depends on how widely it is *known*. The eyes of all gays ought to be on Damien's courtroom when Judgment Day arrives, but gays must also make sure that non-gay eyes are focused there as well.

Damien, meanwhile, has moved from his very comfortable life to one of constant stress and even poverty. His savings ran out during his first year, as did the income he could derive

from selling furniture and other possessions. He was denied steward jobs at every other racing commission in North America (an old-boy fraternity like this one protects itself through consistent discrimination against gays). He has tried three jobs outside racing, which brought in dollars here and there, but after a full life around horses he finds he can't work away from them. In one, as a filing clerk, he almost had a mental crackup. The details of the case are constantly on his mind. He moves from day to day on help from friends and family, earning some money in his current job as a door-to-door salesperson, but not yet enough to put the instant coffee regularly in the mug or pay the rent. He has undergone what only the ignorant would deny is suffering for a gay cause. He's paid a huge price during those rough years, physically and emotionally.

Asked what he needs most today, besides defense fund contributions, Damien replies: "No individual could fight it on his own. He needs support. I don't think a person could be that lonely for four years. Having people support me is like a shot of adrenalin."



Speaking in Vancouver, October, 1977

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On: lesson from this case may be that in the future, people should not opt for the civil suit as a means of fighting a gay rights issue. But surely we owe it to John and to ourselves to follow through on this one with the same tenacity that John has shown in the face of such well-financed, well-organized opposition.

"When he wins," the "Committee to Defend John Damien" emphasizes, "we all win."

Checks made out to the Defense Fund, The John Damien Foundation may be sent to the Committee to Defend John Damien, Box 608, Station K, Toronto, Ontario, M4P 2H1. Letters to Damien himself, and requests for the Committee's regular newsletter about the case, may be sent to the same address.

"I keep on looking back to that first day I was fired. If I hadn't made that decision to fight, I couldn't live with myself. I wouldn't sleep nights, like I do now. I did something in 1975 that I'm proud of today: I stood up. I proved to myself that I can't be bought, that I'm my own person."

In Praise of Black Lesbian Music

By Juana Nash

The night began with the rising sounds of *La Triba*, a group of women playing congas. Their sounds opened us, moved us, vibrated through the audience. They prepared us for the rich experience of listening to the music of Linda Tillery, Mary Watkins and Gwen Avery, and the poetry of Pat Parker. These women shared with us their souls. They took us on a trip inside the black church, through slavery and the struggles of living in a white society.

As a black woman, I identified strongly with the music. It brought back scenes of my childhood, the pain of growing up in a racist culture. It also made me feel the joy that comes from being alive. Black music has helped counteract society's message that we are "depraved beings a little less than human."

These performers are fabulous. I want to share as much of the experience of hearing them as I can on paper, although it goes beyond what can be expressed in writing.

Gwen Avery began the evening singing and playing piano with an upbeat song, "I Want to be Your Sugar Momma." She was accompanied by Linda Tillery on drums, Barbara Cobb on bass, Jerene Jackson on guitar and Vicki Randall on congas. The audience immediately began clapping along. Gwen's style is blues and her voice comes right from the church. In "It's a Sad Song" she said: "Sisters tell your brothers we're each other's strength/we've got to help each other." In the midst of her song, "I'm on My Way," which involved call and response singing with the audience, a woman began to dance, moving the rhythms through her body.

Mary Watkins' music is a fusion of latin, jazz, blues and classical music. Mary's piano playing is fine and flowing. Vicki Randall was spotlighted on



Pat Parker

Pat Parker's voice is remarkable, soothing but strong. Her poetry makes us confront all our prejudices about who we call our sisters. Her powerful poem, "Womanslaughter" is about the murder of her sister by her sister's husband, and about the death of her father. The poem "Movement in Black" was chanted by Pat, Mary, Gwen, Linda and Vicki. It is about what black women have given and continue to give to this society. Each woman declares at the end of the poem "I am a survivor."

Linda "Tui" Tillery concluded the program. In the introduction to her song, "Freedom Time" she explained, "If you want freedom, you have to take it." She related this to the fight in California against the Briggs Initiative. She said that one of the most beautiful things for her about being a black



Gwen Avery

vocals in a song about a greasy spoon in Berkeley, California, with words by Pat Parker. Her style is reminiscent of Stevie Wonder. Mary next played a composition called "Witch's Revenge." She explained that the "revenge" is when women begin to love ourselves and take control of our lives by getting in touch with who we are. The piece uses rhythmic, dissonant chords. It is a tense, but beautifully held together piece. She ended her set by inviting Gwen Avery to return to the stage to sing "Yesterday's Children."

woman is her roots in the church, and went on to sing a wailing introduction to this song. The song expresses incredible pain but leaves us with hope. For an encore, she sang "I'd Like to Get to Know You in a Special Kind of Womanly Way" and dedicated it to all the women in the audience. Everyone, by that time, was up from her seat and dancing.

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Ode to a Gym Teacher

By Lisa Nussbaum

The "Women and Sports" conference at Boston University in late October spawned no incendiary ideas for achieving equity for women in sports. On the contrary, it bordered on bland respectability. Everyone observed the proper amenities, from glowing introductions of the next speaker to equally glowing praise for the long list of sponsors who made the day possible.

But, maybe I'm judging too harshly. After all, if the bulk of dialogue at the conference drove home points we've all heard time and again, it only stands as convincing testimony to the painfully slow progress of women's entering sports, whether as participants, physical educators, athletic directors or in other leadership positions. And since sex equity in sports looms so far off in the distance, we need to state and restate these points until we gain enough momentum to achieve further gains.

I don't mean to belittle the importance of the conference or damn it with faint praise. It is something of a minor miracle that it took place at all. But I had envisioned it as more of a forum for brainstorming and devising strategy than it proved to be. Instead, it dwelled mainly on relaying information, quoting statistics and trading anecdotes.

The conference, however, didn't get mired in triviality. From keynote speaker Wilma Scott Heide on down to the workshop panelists, conference participants made strong appeals for women to get behind each other in pushing for equal access to funding, scholarships, coaches, equipment; strict enforcement of Title IX regulations in these regards; enhancement of existing athletic programs; and creation of other programs.

Heide, a former NOW president and board chair as well as a professional athlete, said: "We cannot act alone. The dynamics of acting change as soon as we move from one to more than one." Weston High School physical educator Nancy W. Healy corrobor-



ated these sentiments, saying that "Women must work for women in women's sports or else men will try to get into these programs and turn them around."

The conference offered three sets of workshops during the day's program. Just a smattering of the titles follows: "Women and Coaching," "Philosophy of Sports," "Women, Sports and the Media," "Women in Professional and Olympic Sports," "Impact of Title IX and Chapter 622," and "Sports Medicine."

At the "Philosophy of Sports" workshop, panelists and audience decried the wide disparities between men's and women's sports, particularly on the college level, and soul-searched as to methods of correcting them. Dr. Carole Oglesby, professor of physical education at Temple University and president of the National Association for Girls and Women in Sports, firmly declared that "sports for females get carefully isolated from

public view, whereby it becomes easy to make less than sustained, vigorous approaches to equalize funding and access for girls and women in sports." Oglesby celebrated sports for their power to create "opportunities for authenticity." They enable us to live with a full awareness of our capabilities; we discover sport as a field in which the full range of human behavior can be expressed; and recognize sport's ability to heal the mind-body dichotomy and to summon feelings of joy, even ecstasy. She urged women to work zealously toward reclaiming our bodies and finding our own forms of sporting. Noting that women have been too long shut out or edged out of the development of sport, she said that "we must join with activists and feminists and follow through on every mundane issue. We cannot assume that the struggle is ever over. Carrying on this struggle translates into our mythic journey, and, I think, the finest of our entitlements."

Dr. Harriet B. Forkey, past Health and Physical Education consultant and Title IX coordinator for the state of New Hampshire and a founder of New Dynamics Associates (a consulting firm specializing in male/female dynamics), also touched on the theme of developing alternative models of sport. She said the women ought to take what we are most proud of in the way women's sports came down to us — the beauty, the process, the aesthetics — and integrate these with other positive elements from already existing or proposed models.

Barbara Gummere, tennis coach at BU, in the "Women and Coaching" workshop presented women's athletics as a sort of "cultural dilemma" in which the pervasive pressure to submerge women's participation in sports and the consequent lack of role models

"make it almost impossible for women to assert their athletic selves in any meaningful way."

When a man in the audience put a question to Gummere about choosing between hiring a man with extensive knowledge and years of experience or a woman with less experience and training as coach of a women's team, she did not waver a bit in her reply. "I would hire the best woman around," she said. "If she's serious about coaching, she'd of course provide a badly needed role model and she'd probably eagerly read up on the sport to compensate for any deficiencies."

Donna deVarona, 1964 Olympic gold medallist in swimming and NBC sports commentator, was billed as a keynote speaker. An NBC assignment precluded her appearance, but in her place Kathrine Switzer read deVarona's prepared remarks. (Switzer was the first woman to break the sex barrier in the Boston Marathon and currently serves as special promotions manager for Avon Products, Inc.)

None of the speakers touched on issues specific to lesbianism, except for Dr. Forkey's brief mention of dyke-baiting in physical education departments; and, perhaps more indirectly, via her discussion of androgyny. Aside from these references, no discussion evolved around lesbians in sports, in coaching, in teaching, in administration, or around any tangential issues.

Gummere expressed an important philosophical underpinning of the conference when she stated that, "We must make women's sports highly visible and ourselves highly visible in sports. We will be the facilitators of a new cultural perspective for women in sports. In so doing, we need compatriots on the field, other women to help us in the power struggle and to help override the myths."

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Note: The foreskin that covers the head of the penis may trap germs which can cause infections. Therefore, special attention should be given to washing the uncircumcized penis.

With the development of vaccines against gonorrhea and syphilis, personal hygiene remains necessary to prevent other sexually transmitted diseases. For example: a gonorrhea vaccine will not prevent approximately half of the reported cases of male urethritis which are not gonorrhea.

Page 3: Some Aspects of Personal Hygiene for Male and Female

Some infectious germs which are commonly found in the lower digestive tract may be transmitted from the rectum during certain sex activities. Also present may be parasites which cause gastro-intestinal disorders if swallowed (anal-oral route).

The mucous membranes of the genito-urinary system are highly susceptible to infection by some of these germs from the rectum. For example: As a result of careless cleansing from rectum toward vagina by the female after toilet, germs are easily spread to the vagina where they may cause infections, and from which they may be transmitted during vaginal, as well as rectal, intercourse. Therefore, females must not cleanse in the direction of rectum to vagina.

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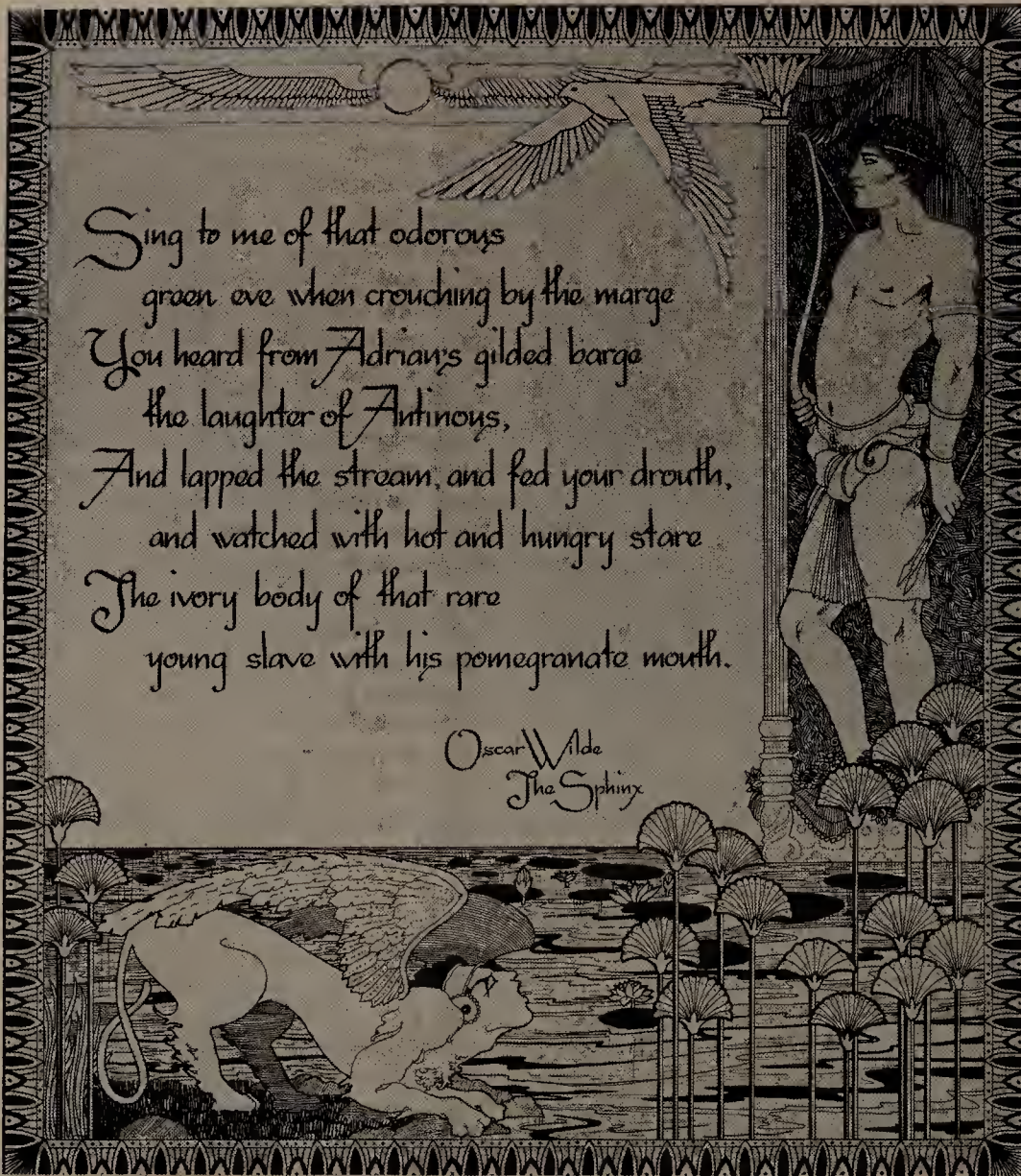
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Faygele vs. Civil Service

By Carl Whittman

Faygele ben Miriam was fired from his government typist job in Seattle six years ago, and this summer the Federal Government finally decided he was fired illegally. They've awarded him \$40,000 in back pay and restored him with seniority to the civil service roster.

Faygele feels ambivalent about the decision. Of course he's glad to win — the money, option of a good paying job, the end of a long hassle. But he's quick to point out that he doesn't consider this as the dawning of a new day for queers.

On the surface, it looks like a real breakthrough. Faygele's case was hardly a shoo-in. It was certainly not a model test case. Faygele is pretty outrageous. An earlier adverse finding by the U.S. Civil Service Commission noted his "notoriously disgraceful conduct" and "delinquency and misconduct in employment." He frequently wore dresses, long robes, women's shoes and blouses to work. While he as working at the job, he tried to get a marriage license; no license, but lots of publicity. He's an activist, appeared on the media and sported a car painted with "Faggots Against Fascism." All-in-all, not the easiest kind of job discrimination case to win.

Is his victory a fluke or a precedent? Not quite a fluke, but what precedents it sets is difficult to say. The particulars of the case have a lot to do with who Faygele is.

The final decision in the case is clear-cut. After reviewing the facts and evidence, the Federal Employee Appeals Authority of the Civil Service Commission decided that there was no evidence that his conduct had affected his job fitness. From their point of view, what matters is whether the efficiency of the

employer was impeded. The decision specifically noted that Faygele's conduct was probably unacceptable to society as a whole, but that as long as the employer didn't show how its mission could not effectively and efficiently be carried out with Faygele employed there, they had no business firing him.

Lest anyone assume that any old *quean* can now safely wear robes to work and kiss in the corridors and gather petitions for what-not, it should also be noted that these kinds of administrative decisions can be reversed when the next case comes up. A different set of judges with different prejudices, a bit more adverse political climate, a slightly less persuasive appellant or lawyer . . . and this "breakthrough" would be out the window. Even Supreme Court decisions get reversed, and this is only a challenge to how an agency regulation is to be interpreted.

And yet, it is awesome. Faygele didn't just "happen to be" a homosexual; his daily appearance and behavior both at work and off the job bespoke an active commitment to radical gay politics, with a heavy dose of individualism thrown in.

A key, this decision is that Faygele knew what he was doing. Everything Faygele does reflects his long standing commitment to do as much as he can for social change, and do it effectively. A precarious balance between outrageousness and common sense.

For example, his choice of clothes. Radical drag, or gender-fuck, or whatever you want to call it. But Faygele didn't wear such garb to work only to shock; he also did his job well. Another employee testified that he "meets people well and quickly establishes rap-

port with people." Another said "I have been very much impressed with his ability to perform his job." Clearly, this is no crazy person, interested only in how his trappings make people uncomfortable.

Faygele's vision — his ideals, his politics — is large. Brought up on Long Island, in a Jewish left wing home, he's seen a lot, and woven that into a mature and thoughtful view of our society. In elementary school, he witnessed the Rosenberg executions, and knew how these fellow-Jew/leftists scapegoats might easily have been his parents. He heard discussion around the house noting how racial segregation in Levittown ended up separating working class blacks from working class whites, turning the labor movement into a smug and reactionary element in America. In high school, the American Ethical Society youth group was the nearest forum of discussion about justice. Later he participated in SDS and VISTA, and spent some relatively openly gay years as a U.S. Army medical corpsman. He was involved in early NYC and Berkeley gay liberation. And then he did a long stint of activism with the gay community in and around Seattle.

All of this is to illustrate that Faygele cares about the next person in line, as well as himself. The notion of middle class gays who are white and behave well getting their share of the pie is too narrow for him. What about the drag queen, the black, the lesbian, the Jew, the Mexican, the welfare mother, the disabled? When you think about it, the Equal Opportunities Commission was a fool to sack someone with that much empathy and understanding. Nobody ever accused a bureaucracy of being wise, though.

A friend recalls Faygele's visit to him in Nebraska some years ago. Faygele wore a long purple robe with a big

yellow concentration camp Star of David appliqued on the front. My friend's recollection was that it was "tasteful" and we both laughed. Faygele's behavior jolts folks into thinking, but that jolt is followed by intense warmth and caring. His clothes speak not only of political commitment, but a need for love.

Faygele is now living in North Carolina, typing at the University School of Medicine. He shares living arrangements with his mother, Miriam. The Miriam of ben Miriam ("son of Miriam" in Hebrew). Their house is a functional jumble, and reflects their friendship. They like each other immensely, and amidst much good natured bickering they give each other unusual amounts of support. Faygele says, a bit ruefully, that he wishes he had as much love and trust with lover(s). One sees immediately where all his forceful energy comes from. But Miriam, too, is unselfish, uncompetitive, even a bit shy.

Faygele and I go walking in the moonlit woods. Old friends, catching up. Two threads keep coming up — how to be most effective, and how to keep it together personally. Faygele worries about not doing enough. He's involved in a local battle to stop a dam from destroying the local valley in order to provide water for urban corporate sprawl. He worries also about not getting as much intimacy, sex, love as he wants. I kid him about the hole in the seat of his jeans, a bit of his taut and attractive body showing through. He is chagrined, and says he'll have to patch them before he wears them again. I think that's funny; and realize again, for the hundredth time, that this is a highly complex and evolved individual, and it's people like him who will make all the difference. And this time around, anyway, the U.S. Civil Service Commission seems to agree.



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Boston/Boise Committee, Box 277, Astor Station	267-4521	
BU Gays, c/o Program Resources Office		
George Herman Union, Boston University.		
Cambridge Gay Political Caucus, P.O. Box 218, E. Cambridge 02141	491-0968	
Cambridge Women's Center	354-8807	
Civil Liberties Union of Mass.	742-8020	
CLEARSPACE: a community center for lesbian women and gay men.		
P.O. Box 398, Allston 02134	646-8598	
Closet Space WCAS (740 AM)		
380 Green St., Cambridge 02139	492-6450	
Committee for Gay Youth, GCN Box 10GY, 22 Bromfield St. 02108		
Daughters of Billitis, 1151 Mass. Ave., Cambridge 02138	661-3633	
Dignity, 355 Boylston St., Boston 02114	536-6518	
Esplanade	426-6602	
Evangelicals Concerned	894-3970	
Fag Rag	536-9826	
Fenway Community Health Center	267-7573	
Gay Academic Union of New England, P.O. Box 212, Boston 02101	492-3353	
Gay Alcoholics Anonymous	426-9444	
Gay AIAnon (alcoholics)	843-5300	
Gay AIAnon, Greater Boston	471-6884	
Gay Business Assn, Suite 129, 102 Charles St., Boston 02114	367-0733	
Gay Community News	426-4469	
Gay Hotline (6-12pm, Mon.-Fri.)	426-9371	
Gay Legislation (Mass. Caucus), P.O. Box 8841, J.F.K. Sta., Boston 02117		
73 Tremont St., Rm. 224	742-4811	
Gay/Lesbian Concern Group of Boston College, P.O. Box L199, Chestnut Hill, MA 02167	661-4059	
Gay Nurses' Alliance-East, P.O. Box 530, Back Bay Annex, Boston 02117		
Gay Parents Custody and Visitation Center	353-3157 or 353-3169	
Gay People of UMass/Boston	227-5009	
Gay Professional Women's Assn., Box 308, Boston U Sta., Boston 02215		
Gay Recreational Activities Committee (GRAC), c/o GCN Box 8000		
Gay Speakers Bureau, P.O. Box 2232, Boston 02107	354-0133	
Gay Way Radio (WBUR, 90.9FM)	353-2790	
Gender Identity Service	864-8181	
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Harvard-Radcliffe Gay Student Assn.	498-2014	
Homophile Community Health Service Integrity, P.O. Box 2582, Boston 02208	262-3057	
Janus Counseling for Lesbians, 21 Bay St., Cambridge	661-2537	
Lambda of Middlesex, P.O. Box 1165, Framingham 01701. Nites & weekends	429-6593	
Lesbian Liberation, c/o Women's Center	354-8807	
Lesbian Mothers, c/o Women's Center, 46 Pleasant St., Cambridge (Meets Thurs., 8pm)	354-8807	
Lutherans Concerned for Gay People	536-3788	
Massachusetts Feminist Federal Credit Union, 186 1/2 Hampshire St., Cambridge	661-0450	
Metropolitan Community Church	523-7664	
MIT Gays, Rm. 50-306	253-5440	
National Lawyers Guild, 595 Mass. Ave., Cambridge 02139	661-8898, 661-6358	
National Organization for Women	661-6015	
99 Bishop Allen Dr., Cambridge	02139New	
Words Bookstore	876-5310	
Northeastern Gay Student Org., c/o Student Activities Office, 255 Eli Ctr.		
Older and Other Gays, c/o GCN, Box 1500, 22 Bromfield St., Boston 02108		
Outreach Foundation		
Suite 433, 102 Charles St. 02114	787-2266	
Project Place	267-9150	
Sexual Health Centers of N.E., Inc., 739 Boylston St., Boston 02116	266-3444	
Fr. Paul Shanley (Exodus Center)	333-0146	
Tufts Gay Community, c/o Student Activities Office, Medford 02155		
Unitarian Universalists Office of Gay Concerns, 25 Beacon St., Boston 02108	742-2100	
Women's Alcoholism Program, 1348 Cambridge St., Cambridge 02139	661-1316	
Women's Community Health Center, 639 Mass. Ave., Cambridge	547-2302	
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Christian Community Church, 112 Emerson St., Haverhill 01830	363-2286	
Dignity Merrimack Valley		
P.O. Box 348, Lowell 08853	851-6711	
Everywoman's Center, Box 949, 14 Center St., Provincetown 02657 (4-6pm)		
Gay People In Medicine, 23 Dover St., Worcester	756-9385	
Lesbian Support Group, Mercy Otis Warren Women's Center, 298 Main St., Hyannis 02601	771-6739	
Martha's Vineyard Gay Group	627-8097	
Montachusett Gay Alliance, P.O. Box 262, Fitchburg	342-5963.	
New Bedford Women's Clinic	999-1570	
Origins, Inc., A Women's Center		
169 Boston St., Salem 01970	745-5873	
Provincetown 24-Hour Drop-In Center	487-0387	
Survival Crisis Line	471-7100	
WESTERN MASS. (Area Code 413)		
Berkshire Community Gay Coalition, Box 493, Pittsfield 01201	442-9450	
Common Women Club, 78 Masonic St., Northampton 01060	584-4580	
Everywomen's Center, Amherst	545-0883	
Gay Women's Caucus, Amherst	545-3438	
Help Line	664-6391, 664-6392	
Lesbian Union, 9th floor, Campus Center, UMass, Amherst 01003		
People's Gay Alliance, RSO 368 Student Union, UMass, Amherst, 01002	545-0154	
Southwest Women's Center	545-0626	
Together, Box 427, Forest Park Sta., Springfield 01108		
Valley Women's Center, Northampton	586-2011	
CONNECTICUT (Area Code 203)		
"Come Out Tonight," Box WYBC/Yale Station, New Haven 06520		
CT Gay Task Force, P.O. Box 514, Hartford 06101		
Dignity/New Haven, P.O. Box 3712, Amity Sta., New Haven 06525		
East Conn. Gay Alliance, Norwich	889-7530	
George W. Henry Foundation, Hartford	522-2646	
Gay Alliance at Yale, Box 2031, Yale Station, New Haven 06520	436-8945	
Gay phone counseling (eves.), New Haven	436-8945	
Gay Switchboard	522-5575	
Gay Women's Collective, Women's Center, U-118, Univ. of CT, Storrs 06268	486-4738	
Hartford Gay Counseling	522-5575, 232-5110	
Institute of Social Ethics/National Gay Archives, 1 Gold St., Suite 22B, Hartford 06103	547-1281	
Integrity/Hartford		
P.O. Box 603, Glastonbury	522-2646	
Kalos/Gay Liberation, Hartford	568-2656	
MCC/Hartford	232-5110, 522-5575	
New Haven Lesbian Rap, 148 Orange St., New Haven	436-0272	
UConn Gay Alliance, 211 Student Union, U of CT, Storrs 06268		
Yalesbians, Box 2031, Yale Station, New Haven 06520	436-8945	
Wesleyan Gay Alliance, c/o Women's Center, Wesleyan Sta., Middletown, 06457.		
RHODE ISLAND (Area Code 401)		
Brown University Gay Lib, 305 Faunce House, Waterman Ave., Providence 02912		
Office hours: Noon-1pm weekdays	863-3062	
Dignity/Providence	941-9013	
Box 2231, Pawtucket 02861		
Gay Help Line	751-3322	
Gay Community Services of R.I., 55 Eddy St., rm 306		
Gay Women of Brown, c/o Sarah Doyle, Women's Center, 186 Meeting St., Providence, 02912	863-2189	
MCC/Providence, 134 Matthewson St.	272-9247	
MCC Innovative Ministry (terminally ill, aged and handicapped), Rev. Michael Nordstrom	272-8482	
Providence Gay Group of AA	333-1396	
NEW HAMPSHIRE (Area Code 603)		
Concerned Gays, Student Activities Office, Memorial Union Bldg., Univ. N.H., Durham 03824		
Nashua Area Gays, P.O.Box 3472, Nashua 03061	654-9268	
NOW Lesbian Rights Task Force, 4 Valentine Hill Rd., Durham 02834		
NH Lambda, Box 1043, Concord 03301		
Newmarket 659-2687; Rochester 332-4440; Keene 399-4927		
VERMONT (Area Code 802)		
Gay Student Union, U of VT, Burlington 05401, M-F, 7-9pm	656-4173	
Southern Vermont Women's Health Center, 187 N. Main St., Rutland, 05701	775-1946	
Women's Center, 182 Main St., Burlington	863-1236	
NEW YORK (CITY) (Area Code 212)		
All The Queens Women, 36-23 164th St., Flushing 11358	359-9204	
Ass'n of Gay Social Workers, c/o Gay Switchboard Message Center, 110 East 23rd St., Suite 502, 10010	777-7697	
Church of the Beloved Disciple, 348 W. 14th St., 10004	242-6616	
Dykes & Tykes		
Room 502, 110 E. 23rd St. 10010		
FOLKS (Friends of Little Klds	989-6653	
Gay Women's Alternative	532-8669	
4 W. 76th St. 10023		
Gay Activists Alliance, P.O. Box 2, Village Station	677-0237	
Gay Teacher's Association, 204 Lincoln Pl., Brooklyn 11217	789-8176/499-1060	
Gaysweek, 216 W. 18th St. 10011	929-7720	
Gay Switchboard, Box 805, Madison Sq. Sta., 10010	777-1800	
Integrity-Episcopal Gay Society, GPO Box 1549, 10001	989-6653	
Lambda Legal Defense, P.O. Box 5448, Grand Central Sta., 10017	532-8197	
Lesbian Herstory Archives, P.O. Box 1258, 10001		
Lesbian Switchboard	741-2610	
243 W. 20th St. 10010		
MCC/NY, 201 W. 13th St., 10011	242-1212	
National Coalition of Gay Activists, P.O. Box A-711, Grand Central Sta., 10017		
National Gay Task Force, 80 Fifth Ave., Rm 506	741-5800	
New York Gay Prisoners Support Committee, P.O. Box 2, Village Station, 10014	677-0237	
Oscar Wilde Memorial Bookshop, 15 Christopher St.	255-8097	
Tri-Base Collective	777-1800	
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West Side Discussion Group, 37 Ninth Ave.	675-0143	
NEW YORK (STATE)		
Affirmation (Unitarian Universalist Gay Caucus), 34 Chestnut Rd., Delmar 12054		
Broome County Gay Alliance, P.O. Box F-1711		
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Capital District Gay Community Center (7-11pm), 332 Hudson Ave., Albany 12210	(518) 462-6138	
Capital District Gay Political Caucus, Box 131, Albany 12201	(518) 462-6138	
Confide-counseling for transvestites and transsexuals. Box 56, Tappan 10983		
Cornell Gay Liberation		
Room 28 Willard Straight Hall		
Cornell Univ., Ithaca 14853	(607) 256-6482	
Dignity/Integrity/Rochester		
42 Tyler House, 17 So. Fitzhugh St., Rochester 14614	(716) 232-6521	
Empty Closet Collective, 1255 University Ave., Rochester 14607	(716) 271-6750	
Gay Alliance of The Genessee Valley, Inc., 713 Monroe Ave., Rochester 14614	(716) 244-8640 or 244-9030	
Gay and Lesbian Alliance, P.O. Box 22740, Albany 12222		
Gay Brotherhood of Rochester, 713 Monroe Ave., Rochester	(716) 244-8640	
Gay Liberation Front, U. of R., Wilson Commons, Rochester 14607	(716) 275-6181	
Gay Light Collective, 389 W. Onondaga St., Syracuse 13202	(315) 475-6875	
Gay Task Force, 713 Monroe Ave., Rochester (Mon. 7pm)	(716) 244-8640, 244-9030	
Hamilton-Kirkland Gay Alliance, Box 80, Hamilton College, Clinton 13323		
Lambda Univ., Box 131, Albany 12201	(518) 462-6138	
Lesbian Resource Center, 713 Monroe Ave., Rochester 14607	(716) 244-9030	
New Coalition for Human Rights of Long Island, P.O. Box 430, Babylon, 11702		
NY State Coalition of Gay Organizations, Box 131, Albany 12201	(518) 462-6138	

CALENDAR

The deadline for Calendar Items is Tuesday at noon for the following issue.

11 sat

Boston — The Little Flags Theatre will present the play *Marx on Her Mind* as a benefit for Common Stock Restaurant. The production will be held at the Boston Center for the Arts, 551 Tremont St. Tickets are \$5, sold in advance at Common Stock and Red Bookstore. For more information call 566-9750.

Princeton, NJ — Amazon Autumn II, New Jersey's 2nd annual Lesbian Conference. For more information call (201) 233-3848 or (609) 921-2565.

12 sun

Cambridge, MA — Closet Space (WCAS 740 AM) "After the Briggs referendum: Where does the gay movement go from here?" Panel discussion with Rev. Ed Hougen, Judy Arnold of the NOW Lesbian Task Force, John Mitzel and others. 9am.

Boston — Francie Wyland, founder of the 1st lesbian mothers defense fund in Canada, will be speaking on "Fighting for Custody: Lesbians leading the gay movement." At Somewhere, 3pm, donation of \$1.50 suggested. For more information call 782-7685.

Cambridge, MA — Boston, local freelance market will be discussed at the next Feminist Writers' Guild meeting at 2 p.m., 186 Hampshire St. Ellen Cantarow, Cary Rivers, Eunice West, Allison Platt and Judy Foreman are the featured speakers. All women are welcome, for more information call 547-1353 or 482-1543.

13 mon

Arlington, MA — A women's planning session will meet to discuss developing support groups for the various stages of coming out. Clearspace invites all interested women. Call 646-8598 for more information.

Beverly, MA — N.S.G.A. will meet at 7pm, 12 Ober St. For more information call 927-2605.

Cambridge, MA — Gay Folkdancing at Phillips Brooks House, near Harvard Yard, from 6:30-9:30 p.m.

14 tues

Boston — Clearspace women and men join for an evening of roller skating. For more information call 227-4327.

Boston — The semi-annual business meeting of GCN, Inc., will take place on Tues., Nov. 14th, at 7 p.m. in the offices of GCN, 22 Bromfield St., Boston. All members of the corporation are requested to attend this important meeting. Agenda includes by-law changes, a collective discussion of GCN's future, and nominations for a new Board of Directors.

15 wed

Middlebury, VT — Gay People at Middlebury. 10 p.m. Johnson Lounge, Middlebury College. Call (802) 388-6893 for more information.

Cambridge, MA — The Women's Community Health Center will hold a Lesbian Self-Help and Discussion Group, continuing for four consecutive Wednesdays. Call 547-2302 for information and registration.

Philadelphia, PA — Tonight is the Grand Opening of the Lesbian Coffee House at 326 Keter St. No charge and good entertainment. 7-11pm.

16 thurs

Flushing, NY — All the Queens Women will hold their general meeting. Nominations for the Core and Steering Committees will be accepted. At 8 p.m., 36-23 164th Street. For more information call (212) 359-9204.

NYC — The West Side Discussion Group will hold a panel discussion on "Gay Magazines—Onward and Upward." Editors of various gay publications will be moderated by Mike Ritzer of *Gay Opinion*. 8:30pm at 26 Ninth Ave.

Cambridge, MA — Tonight at Amarenth, the Women's Restaurant, 134 Hampshire Street, there will be an Open Mike. 8 p.m. Call 354-8371 to schedule yourself for a stunning performance.

17 fri

Boston — Willie Tyson in concert with Susan Abod at the Boston University Law School Auditorium, 765 Commonwealth Ave. Show starts at 8 p.m., and the suggested ticket price is \$4. All are invited.

18 sat

Cambridge, MA — Gays at MIT will sponsor a Fall Fantasy Dance, 9pm to 1am at the MIT Student Center, Sala de Puerto Rico. \$2.50 admission.

New Haven, CT — The Second Annual Feminist Union Conference will be held at the Yale Divinity School. For information call Robert at (203) 865-0792 or Katherine at (203) 562-7868.

Worcester, MA — The Conference on Childbearing Rights will be held today and tomorrow at Friendly House, 36 Well St. Registration 8:30-10am. Workshops, speeches and cultural presentations. For more information call 426-4363.

Marlboro, MA — The women end men of Clearspace are having a party at 8 p.m. Everyone is invited. Call 646-8598 for information.

19 sun

Cambridge, MA — Gay Folkdancing at Phillips Brooks House, near Harvard Yard. 3rd Floor. From 3:30-6:30 p.m.

Cambridge, MA — The Gay Academic Union of New England will hold their monthly meeting from 4 to 8 p.m. in the Shephard Room, Phillips Brooks House, in the northeast corner of Harvard Yard.

Smithfield, RI — Dignity/Providence invites all to attend their Fifth Anniversary Celebration at the Town and Country Club, Route 5 — Farnum Pike. Liturgy, Buffet, Disco and Raffles from 2-9 p.m. \$5 donation, call (401) 724-0132.

Cambridge, MA — Closet Space (WCAS 740 AM) The gay experience in religious orders will be discussed by two former inhabitants thereof. 9am.

Boston — BUUGL will hold a 1st anniversary celebration, potluck and annual meeting at 355 Boylston St. 8pm.

Cambridge, MA — Daughters of Bilitis will have their annual Thanksgiving dinner at the Old Cambridge Baptist Church, 1151 Mass. Ave. 6pm. For more information call 661-3633.

26 sun

Los Angeles — The Fifth National Conference of the Gay Academic Union has been scheduled from today through Nov. 28 at UCLA. Keynote speakers will be Kete Millett and Don Clark. Panels, workshops, a film festival, art exhibit and organizational caucuses will be held. For registration and further information write GAU5-LA'78 Committee, P.O. Box 927, Hollywood, CA 90028.

USA — ABC-TV will air "A Question of Love," a drama based on the true story of a woman whose custody of her child is challenged by the father because she is a lesbian. From 9 to 11 p.m.

Fitchburg, MA — Montachusett Gay Alliance, is holding their monthly meeting at 8 p.m. Call 342-5963 for more information.

3 sun

NYC — The mother chord chamber ensemble will give a benefit performance for Ginny Apuzzo at 2 p.m. at the home of Batya Bauman, 315 Riverside Drive, Apt. 6A. For women only. Wine and refreshments. Donation \$10. RSVP (212) 866-6422.

10 sun

Boston — The Daughters of Bilitis will hold their Tenth Birthday Party at Somewhere 295 Franklin St. 4 p.m.

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